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# In Stone Age Cavern, A Stunning Menagerie

Archaeologists Thrilled by Discovery Of Vivid Wall Paintings in France

By Marlise Simons

PARIS - In the mountains of southern France, where humans have habitually hunted, loved and produced art. explorers have discovered an underground cave full of Stone Age paintings. so beautifully made and well preserved that experts are calling it one of the archaeological finds of the century.

The enormous cavern, which was found last month in a gorge near the town of Vallon-Pont-d'Arc in the Ardecbe region, is studded with more than 300 vivid images of animals and human hands that experts believe were made about 20,000 years ago.

In this great parade of beasts appear woolly-haired rhinos, hears, mam-



moths, oxen and other familiar images from the end of the Paleolithic era, creatures large and small and variously drawn in yellow ochre, charcoal and

The murals have surprised specialists because they include a rare image of a red, slouching byena and the era's firstever recorded paintings of a panther and several owls. Specialists say this ancient art gallery surpasses in size that of the famous caves of Lascaux and Altamira, which are widely held to be Western Europe's finest collection of Stone Age art.

Archaeologists said they were thrilled not only by the number and the quality of the images but also by the discovery that the great underground site, scaled

against a backdrop of bear paintings. 'Is this some kind of altar? Someone

placed the skull there for a reason," said
Jean Clottes, France's leading rock art

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By William Drozdiak

M. Christopher said he was reassured dur-

ing six bours of talks Wednesday with

Foreign Minister Andrei V. Kozyrev that

Russia would allow humanitarian aid to

reach Chechnya and hold free elections

there in order to achieve a political solu-

tion to the republic's bloody drive for

military assault to suppress the secession-

ist rebellion, Mr. Christopber and Mr. Ko-

zyrev said at a press conference after two days of discussions here that they wanted

to prevent Russia's most violent conflict

since Afghanistan from inflicting lasting

damage to the new strategic partnership

between Washington and Moscow.
Russin's president, Boris N. Yeltsin, as-

serted Wednesday in Moscow that he was "in strict control" of the military operation

in Chechnya and ruled out any negotia-tions with the Chechen leader. (Page 2)

"The United States supports the territorial integrity of Russia, but we are concerned about the price the war is exacting

in terms of human life and Russia's stand-

ing in the world," Mr. Christopher said. He said the West had "a clear interest in a stable, democratic Russia" and did not

want to see it "mired in a quagmire."

Even as Russia pressed ahead with its

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specialist. Many other skulls and bones of bears were found in the underground warren, along with bones, flint knives, footprints and remains of fire-places, all of which archaeologists hope will provide imponant clues to the intriguing question: What was the purpose of the paintings; what did their makers have

"Here we have a virgin site, complete-ly intact," said Mr. Clottes. "It may well change our perception, our thinking about the purpose and the use of cave

A measure of the importance France attaches to the find was that the minister of culture, Jacques Toubon, chose to announce it himself Wednesday at a news conference in Paris, in the company of France's top archaeologists.

This discovery is of exceptional value because of its magnitude and because it was found undisturbed," Mr. Toubon said. "It will help us to understand how human symbolism came to

He added that the site would not be open to the public in the near future but that it had been placed under govern-ment protection and would be accessi-

ble to archaeologists.

The first inkling of a great, unknown cave came on Dec. 18, when two men and a woman were exploring in the

gorges of Ardèche.
"At one point, we felt a draught coming out of the ground," said Jean-Marie Chauvet, a government guard of prehistoric sites and one of the three explorers. "For us that's a sign there is some-

thing else."

He said it took much of that day to clear fallen debris from the narrow passageway they had found.

The trio returned on Dec. 24 and crawled through the passageway they had cleared.

"Then we saw the first red markings on the walls with our helmet lights," said Christian Hillaire, an amateur ex-

plorer. "So we kept going."

They lowered themselves on a rope, entering a great cavern through its ceil-

There we began to see human markings and drawings everywhere," said Mr. Hillaire. "It was a great moment. We all shouted and yelled."

left undisturbed for thousands of years.

One remarkable find, they said, was halls, connected to one another by halls, connected to one another by the skull of a bear, placed on a large smaller galleries. The first hall they enrock set in the middle of one gallery tered had only red paintings while in tered had only red paintings while in another hall all the murals were drawn in black.

Mr. Kozyrev's promises came in re-sponse to escalating demands from West-ern countries that Russia reaffirm its re-

spect for human rights and democratic

reforms or face punitive measures by the

international community. They followed a

cease-fire proposal earlier this week by Russia's prime minister, Viktor S. Cherno-

myrdin, that has largely gone unheeded.

Mr. Kozyrev said he had met here with

United Nations and International Red

Cross officials to arrange for the delivery

of relief assistance. Russian troops have

been accused of preventing the assistance from reaching the Chechen population out of worry that the supplies might reinforce

He also told Mr. Christopher that Rus-

sia wanted to cooperate with a peace mis-

sion from the 52-nation Organization for

Security and Cooperation in Europe and move toward free elections in the break-

away province to be attended by neutral

While encouraged by Mr. Kozyrev's comments, Mr. Christopher said the future course of the relationship would largely be

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rebel fighters.

international observers.

Christopher Is 'Reassured'

By Russia's Chechnya Vows

# Japan's Tolls: 250,000 Homeless, 3,000 Dead, Damage in Billions



A woman walking through the burned-out ruins of a Kobe neighborhood. There were shortages of food, water and medicines on Wednesday in the stricken area.

# **Guessing Game Begins** On the Economic Costs

International Herald Tribune

TOKYO - Estimates of the economic costs of the earthquake that struck Western Japan escalated Wednesday, from a low of \$20 billion to as much as \$200 billion. Despite the staggering sums, economists said the impact to the world's second-biggest economy would be slightly positive on balance.

The wide variance reflected great uncertainty over the extent of damage as well as differences over how to measure and assess ripple effects in a regional economy with an output as big as Canada's. While some economists merely calculated the cost to replace damaged structures, others attempted to project the value of new investments and lost production.

Many also recalled how the costs of last year's earthquake in Los Angeles escalated as the extent of damage unfolded. Tues-day's earthquake near Kobe damaged or destroyed 20,630 buildings, police said early Thursday morning.

"The cost of reconstruction is probably in excess of 10 trillion yen," or \$100 hil-lion, said Johsen Takahashi, senior fellow

at the Mitsubishi Research Institute. "But the figure could rise to 20 trillion if you consider the total cost of replacing destroyed bomes and roadways with more modern and safer structures.

Indeed, the earthquake exposed struc-

tural deficiencies in the national highway and bullet train networks that could require huge sums to correct.

An expenditure of 20 trillion yen would be about twice the value of the largest fiscal stimulus package deployed by Japan during the depths of its recent recession.

Other economists, such as J.P. Morgan's Jesper Koll, put the cost of reconstruction much lower, at 4.5 trillion to 6 trillion yen. He said the damage was restricted to a relatively small area of Kobe that was a commercial rather than manufacturing center. Only a handful of production lines were closed down, mostly to assess damage. The disruption to Kobe Port, Japan's second largest, also was unlikely to present insurmountable logistic problems to the

region's manufacturers.

The risk of supply disruption is very See COSTS, Page 6

# Rescuers Overwhelmed By Extent of Tragedy

By Nicholas D. Kristof

New York Times Service
TOKYO — The authorities began fullfledged relief efforts Wednesday across a broad swathe of Western Japan but they acknowledged that they were overwhelmed by the challenge of caring for the up to 250,000 people left homeless by a devastating earthquake.

Food, water and medicines are in desperately short supply, and some of the refugees — prosperous business owners on Monday, homeless people on Tuesday are reduced to scooping water from puddles left by broken water mains.

Early Wednesday, Japanese police reported that 3,021 people had been killed in the quake, which struck before dawn Tuesday. More than 14,500 were injured and nearly 20,000 buildings heavily damaged or destroyed. Most of the deaths and destruction were in the port city of Kobe, near the epicenter of the quake.

At the same time that they are trying to feed the tens of thousand of homeless, the authorities are continuing a frantic search for \$70 people still listed as missing, many of who may be entombed in the rubble.

blazes that had turned huge neighborhoods in Kobe and other cities into infernos, but thousands of troops are racing against time to probe 800 sites where people may be buried.

The earthquake, which measured 7.2 on the Richter Scale, was the worst to strike urban areas of Japan in more than 70 years. The Kansal region, which includes Kobe and Osaka and is one of the world's major commercial centers, remains largely paralyzed.

With unofficial damage estimates ranging in the tens of billions of dollars, the quake will be one of the most expensive natural disasters on record.

Troops are using specially-trained dogs to search for those still buried under boards and slabs of concrete. Rescuers used heavy machinery to move beams and concrete blocks and then sifted through the earth with their fingers.

Japanese television showed a 64-yearold photo shop owner, Shinjo Adachi, being pulled out after being encased in debris for 34 hours. Mr. Adachi, still wearing the

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# For the Fortunate Ones, the Daily Grind Goes On

By T. R. Reid Washington Past Service

NISHINOMIYA, Japan — "So, it's a beautiful winter morning, and I'm eating my rice and pickled plums," Hanako Hirata recalled. "And then there's this tremendous GATTA GATTA and the house is sheking like a garage. house is shaking like crazy, and I thought my kids were upstairs jumping around on the floor again."

As Mrs. Hirata discovered to her horror within seconds, it was not children at play but nature at work that jolted her neigh-

Santer's EU: Old Rifts Still Writ Large?

borhood in this crowded town just east of the port of Kobe on Tuesday morning. Mrs. Hirata and her neighbors, near the epicenter of Tuesday's earthquake, were in

the worst natural disaster to hit central

Japan in almost half a century.

Mrs. Hirata was lucky. "The tiles went rumbling off our roof, but otherwise our bouse didn't get much damage," she said Wednesday. But when she and her neighbor mers builted to the proper bors were shuttled to the gym at Kawaragi Elementary School, she discovered that many people on her street had lost nearly

With characteristic Japanese grit, however, Mrs. Hirata left the school gym early Wednesday morning, got on her bicycle and set off on the daily rounds of her job

— delivering yogurt drinks.

"Yes, we had a terrible earthquake,"
Mrs. Hirata said. "But you still have to go

Nishinomiya ranked second only to Kobe in numbers of dead and injured from the quake, but here, too, the pattern of destruction was uneven. A row of vending machines lay toppled on a veritable moun-tain of broken glass in front of a car

dealership, hut across the street a gas station operated in immaculate condition.

Long lines of shoppers stood patiently outside the few stores selling groceries. Acrid smoke lingered in otherwise crisp air, but all fires seemed to have been extinguished by noon on Wednesday.

The quake's quirky nature was crystalized at a wooden home where the entire first floor had poured out into the street, including a pink toilet with Donald Duck characters on the lid. But in the garden of

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By Tom Buerkle

International Herold Tribune STRASBOURG, France - The European Parliament endorsed the executive commission of Jacques Santer on Wednesday in a vote that held no surprises but left many questions over how effectively the new president would be able to lead the deeply divided European Union.

At the same time, the endorsement raised doubts on whether the Parliament had mounted a genuine challenge to the European Commission, or merely feinted before falling back into its accustomed

passive role. The 416-to-103 vote marked the first time the European Union's only democratically elected representatives have passed judgment on an executive agency often criticized for being out of touch with the

people.

Members of Parliament cited this in

empowering, are nevertheless significant.

"It really has been a collaboration where both insultations, the Parliament and the commission, emerge victorious," said Mr. Santer, the president-designate of the European Commission.

That couldn't be said for Ritt Bjerregaard, the outspoken Danish commission-

er for environmental policy.
Criticized last week for reportedly calling the chamber "not a real Parliament," she sent a letter to members Tuesday evening denying the remark and attributing the report to a faulty translation.

But Jean-Louis Bourlanges, a French conservative, interrupted the vote Wednesday, waving a copy of the original Danish interview that he said backed up the re-

Mr. Bourlanges was ruled out of order.

itself as evidence of concessions by the commission that, while not tremendously taken out of context, but members said she would need to work hard to establish credibility with Parliament.

Otherwise, Mr. Santer reiterated his pro-Union sentiments but, in an effort to not arouse skeptics in Britain, France and elsewhere about European unity, he avoided any specific commitments.

He pledged to work for more effective EU action on foreign affairs and immigration and justice matters, but declined to say whether that would require new EU powers at the expense of national govern-

Mr. Santer will be pressed quickly to go beyond the role of consensus-seeker. His first challenge will most likely be culture. France, which just assumed the Union's rotating presidency, wants Mr. Santer to propose a tightening of European quotas on television programming.



Prime Minister Edouard Balladur announced his candidacy for the French presidency. Page 2.

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### Simpson Judge Allows Evidence of Violence

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Judge Lance A. Ito ruled Wednesday that the jury can hear about several instances of violence in O.J. Simpson's marriage to Nicole Brown Simpson, including a 1989 incident in which he pleaded no-contest to wife beating.

The decision was a victory for prose-

cutors, who hope to use evidence of domestic violence during the couple's relationship to support their contention that her murder was the culmination of years of abuse and degradation. The judge such evidence is necessary to

prove motive and intent. Earlier article, Page 3

By Craig R. Whitney
New York Times Service

the front-runner in spring presidential elections according to all the public opinion polls, finally said Wednesday that he was a candidate.

and radio, the 65-year-old conservative promised a "positive, serene and optimistic" campaign

that would steer clear of personal attacks on

rivals in the race to succeed the ailing 79-year-old

Socialist incumbent, François Mitterrand, whose

Mr. Balladur's announcement was no surprise.

As things stand, his most formidable rival in the

two-stage election is another member of the

Gaullist movement — Jacques Chirac, the 62-year-old mayor of Paris. Mr. Chirac, who had

been twice prime minister, did not compete with

Mr. Balladur for the post in 1993, freeing himself

for a clear shot at the presidency, for which he

France's main European partners are prepar-ing for a Balladur victory. Chancellor Helmut

ran unsuccessfully in 1988.

By William Drozdiak

signed to appease Silvio Berlus-

Lamberto Dini said he and his cabinet would stay in office

long enough to enact their pro-

gram and then make way for a

Mr. Berlusconi has said that

he would not support Mr.

Dini's government unless he

was assured that it would lead

the country to new elections,

and on Wednesday he demand-

ed a public commitment not

only from Mr. Dini but also

from President Oscar Luigi

Scalfaro, In private conserva-

tions last week, Mr. Berlusconi said, the president promised an

poise late Wednesday as inves-

tors took the position that Mr.

Dini might be able to put to-

gether a functioning govern-

In late trading, the Deutsche

mark was quoted at 1,056.38

lire, down slightly from its close Tuesday of 1,057. Earlier

Wednesday, the mark traded as

high as 1,063.85 lire, near its

The Milan bourse closed 1.5

percent higher, recovering from

record of 1,065.50.

The lira recovered some of its

election by mid-June.

newly elected government.

PARIS -- Prime Minister Edouard Balladur,

In a formal statement, broadcast on television

said that he was running to prepare the country can do better at creating jobs than government

Kohl of Germany, a close friend of Mr. Mitter held May 7 if no one wins a majority in the first and cutting hack social benefits too sharply

ty as France recovers from economic recession.

for the competitive economic rigors of the 21st

future, nor of others, nor of the world," he said.

"She should believe in herself."

are backing Mr. Balladur.

extremists from Algeria.

"France does not have to be afraid; not of the

According to the daily Le Monde, two out of

Foremost among them is Interior Minister year term.

three Gaullist members of Parliament support

Mr. Chirac, but 7 out of its 11 cabinet ministers

Charles Pasqua, who has led a crackdown on

illegal immigration from North Africa and else-

where and made the prime minister look like an

anti-terrorist hero when a paramilitary unit

stormed an Air France plane hijacked by Islamie

Mr. Balladur, a former finance minister, has

The prime minister, riding a wave of populari-

Balladur, Ahead in French Polls, Declares His Candidacy

rand, recently spent a day cementing personal bonds with Mr. Balladur at a French alpine

Mr. Kohl's aides say that Mr. Balladur is as

convinced as Mr. Mitterrand was that the key to

the future development of Europe is a close

relationship between France and Germany, but

they worry whether he can stay clear of corrup-tion scandals, which have forced three French

Mr. Kohl's real favorite, German insiders say,

had been Jacques Delors, president of the Euro-

pean Commission until Wednesday, hut Mr. Delors took himself out of the race last month.

Since then, three Socialists, Lionel Jospin, Henri

Emmanuelli and Jack Lang, have all said they

would be available to run when their party picks

None of them is anywhere near Mr. Balladur

liamentary approval.

Without the votes of Mr. Ber-lusconi and his fractured Free-

dom Allianee coalition, the winner in the parliamentary election in March, Mr. Dini is

unlikely to get the support he

Mr. Dini met Wednesday night with Mr. Scalfaro. The

president has been sharply at-

tacked in recent days by Mr.

Berlusconi's allies, who have ac-

cused him of luring the former

prime minister into a trap that left him with no representation

In the end, the clash has

turned on the question of new elections, which the Berlusconi faction had said was an under-

stood, although not public, part of the deal leading to Mr. Dini's

in the public opinion polls, which show him

its nominee next month.

Mr. Dini said his government ment has 10 days from the date

had a "duty to carry out its of its appointment to win par-

fixed date, noting that under needs to carry out his program

the Italian Constitution that of economie and political re-

portfolio of Treasury minister, in the new government and no

said he was keenly aware of the formal commitment that Mr. "restlessness on national and Dini's role would be transition-

support of the widest possible appointment last week, parliamentary majority."

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Legislators said Wednesday

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The day ne resigned most a month ago, Mr. Berlus
coni has insisted either on his

ment would begin early next own reappointment as prime

week, with at least one confi-minister or on new elections.

dence vote in the 630-member Nothing else, he has said re-

Chamber of Deputies likely to peatedly, would satisfy the pop-

Technically, the new govern- ance won last March.

New Italian Leader Seeks Time

unavoidable emergeney task

until the political forces freely

chosen by the voters are able to

more representative of popular

sovereignty."
He avoided mennioning any

was the president's responsibil-ity. But he said he was prepared

to resign as soon as his govern-

ment accomplished its objec-

tives which, he said, could be a

The new prime minister, a

former general director of the

Bank of Italy who still holds the

"restlessness on national and

international markets" as they

He said there was an urgent

need for "an effective govern-

ment of action that must be

carried out with full responsi-

bility, and thus with the loyal

come as early as Wednesday.

follow Italy's political crisis.

matter of "a few months."

Will Resign in 'a Few Months,' He Pledges

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fierce opposition. Itar-Tass, the official Russian press agency, reported Tuesday that the corpses of 800 Russian servicemen were found in one mortuary. It is by far the highest official death count by Moscow to date, but there are signs it still may understate actual Russian losses.

Chechen casualty figures are unknown hut probably number well into the thousands

Because of the heavy fighting in Chechnya, relief agencies have been limited in the aid they can distribute within the region. Much of the relief effort has focused on Ingushetia, to which perhaps 100,000 refugees have fled, and Dagestan, to the east, where 30,000 bave gone.

### Zimhahwe Lightning Kills 9

HARARE, Zimbabwe -Nine people were killed and seven others were seriously injured Tuesday when a single bolt of lightning hit a group of villagers resting on a farm 400 kilometers (250 miles) south-

# WORLD BRIEFS

### 2 Americans Held, Group Claims

ANKARA (Reuters) --- An unknown Lebanese group told the AnkARA (Reuters)——All unknown Levanese group fold the Anatolian News Agency on Wednesday that it was holding a US officer and his son, missing in Turkey, and would kill them if a pro-Iranian guerrilla commander held by Israel was not freed in hours.

The agency said someone speaking poor Turkish, claiming to be phoning from outside the country on behalf of the Lebanon Freedom Fighters group, called three times, saying the group held an air force lieutenant colonel, Mike Couillard, 37, and his son Matthew, 10. The two have been missing for three days in northwestern Turkey after disappearing on a skiing trip. U.S. troops, backed by helicopters, are searching for the pair.

U.S. officials in Turkey said they had not received any calls and one official cast doubts on the claim, suggesting it was a hoar.

### Algiers Rejects Militants' Peace Plan

ALGIERS (Combined Dispatches) — The Algerian government on Wednesday rejected a peace offer made in Rome last week hy eight opposition parties to end the three-year conflict.

"The Rome contract is not the one Algeria awaits," a government of the contract of the contrac Bernard Kouchner, a potential candidate for the French left in this year's presidential elections, ended a six-day stay in hospital on ment spokesman said in the first official reaction by the authorities. "As for the confusion of ideas this so-called contract is

supposed to introduce, we reject them completely and in detail."
On Friday, the participants in the Rome conference, including the outlawed Islamic Salvation Front, published a five-page document, described as a "national contract," that called for the release of political prisoners and an end to a state of emergency.

France and the United States have backed the plan (AP, Remers)

### U.S. Oil Arrives at North Korea Port

WASHINGTON (Reuters) — A first consignment of oil promised by the United States to North Korea as part of its nuclear deal with Pyongyang has arrived in a North Korean port, the U.S. State Department said Wednesday.

"The deliveries of the heavy oil are ongoing at this time, and I

understand that a first ship arrived and began off-loading yester-

day," a department spokeswoman said.

The oil is being provided under an agreement signed by the United States and North Korea to end the crisis over the North's suspected development of nuclear weapons.

### Rabin Tries to Calm Settlement Crisis

JERUSALEM (AP) — Attempting to defuse a crisis over Jewish settlements, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin promised Wednesday that there would be no more housing starts in the occupied West Bank without the approval of the full cabinet. Mr. Rabin made the pledge in a meeting with his innior coalition partner, the liberal Meretz party, which had demanded

that Israel balt all settlement construction and warned that peace talks with the Palestinians were in danger.

"From now on, any act of construction will need the approval
of the full cahinet," Mr. Rabin's spokesman, Oded Ben-Ami, said.

In the past, a government committee approved such building plans, he added. Mr. Ben-Ami said he did not know whether the roughly 4,000 units currently under construction in Jewish settlements in the West Bank would be completed.

### Major Faces Defeat on Fishing Issue-

LONDON (AP) — The Conservative government, shorn of its majority in Parliament, battled on Wednesday to avoid defeat over a European Union decision that gives Spanish fishermen new access to British waters. A censure motion was put forward by the opposition Labor

Party over the EU decision to open to Spanish boats a 90,000square-mile (233,000-square-kilometer) area of sea between southwest England and Scotland.

The nonbinding monon would not bring down the government, but would be an embarrassment for the government of Prime Minister John Major.

A New York Times article published in the IHT's edinons of

Jan. 14-15 incorrectly stated that the Metropolitan Museum of

TRAVEL UPDATE

**Cold Causes Power Crunch in Greece** 

ATHENS (Knight-Ridder) - The Greek Public Power Corp.

warned Wednesday of possible power blackonts this week after what it said was an all-time consumption high of 6.011 gigawatt

winning 40 percent or more of the vote in the first been less resolute in forcing through unpopular Wednesday after suffering a lesion on a major round of the election April 23. A runoff will be economic change, fearing that moving too fast artery to the brain, Reuters reported from Paris.

could produce a repeat of the social unrest in

can, with more than 12 percent of French work-

ers unemployed.

He and his supporters, who include Foreign

Minister Alain Juppe, gave no hint Wednesday that he planned to bow out.

Mr. Mitterrand, who has been president since

1981, is suffering from cancer of the prostate. So far, Mr. Balladur is the 10th candidate to throw

his hat into the ring to succeed him for a seven-

Among the others is Jean-Marie Le Pen, the

leader of the extreme-right National Front.

■ Kouchner Out of Hospital

Mr. Chirac has argued that private enterprise

MONSOON PLAY -- A child in Jakarta kicking a soccer ball through mud caused by heavy rain that hit the city Wednesday. The storm caused traffic jams and flooding.

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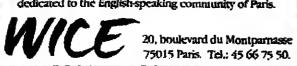
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# Yeltsin Rules Out Talks With Rebel Leader

By Fred Hiatt

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Washington Past Service MOSCOW -- President Boris N. Yeltsin, saying Wednesday that be was in "strict control" of the military operation in the breakaway region of Chechnya, ruled out any negotiations with the Chechen lead- situation. er, Dzhokar Dudayev, and pre-dicted the army would wrap up structures," he said. "I know

its work "within days." Mr. Yeltsin's confidence contrasted with reports from Grozny, the Chechen capital, where separatist fighters were continuing to hold the Russian Army at bay, despite another nya with tanks, comhat aircraft day of massive artillery and rocket bomhardment from the Russian side.

The Associated Press reportchens were even pushing the Russians back from positions

made since Jan 1.

Mr. Yeltsin, whose grip on But Russian troops, who enthe government bas been questioned during the five weeks of he was personally on top of the

the situation every day, and 1 can assure you that without me nothing serious happens there."

Mr. Yeltsin also said that Defense Ministry forces, who have led the operation into Chechand tens of thousands of troops, would soon be able to withdraw in favor of Interior Ministry troops, who would conduct a ed that, in some areas, the Che-policing and rebuilding opera-

ing out gains the Russians had Mr. Yeltsin said. "There's no throughout the city in small deneed to make a big fuss."

tered Chechnya on Dec. 11 confident of quick victory, have bethe Chechen operation, said at come bogged down against an the Kremlin on Wednesday that outnumbered and outgunned but determined foe. Despite repeated assurances in Moscow that troops were about to end the Chechen rebellion, the army bas not yet managed even to blockade Grozny. According to informed estimates, thousands

of people bave been killed. spondent, Barry Renfrew, reporting from the devastated

troops had captured at great The Chechens also still con-

"We were invited in by the

Russian authorities on Dec. 27.

Therefore, we anticipated that it would go just like elock-work," said Mr. Hollingworth,

55, a senior field officer for the

UN High Commissioner for

Refugees. "But here we've been

blocked practically since before

Other aid organizations, in-

eluding the International Com-

throughout the city in small de-tachments almost at will.

Chechnya, a rugged moun-tain region 1 600 billows and the said of an Old Master painting at an anction of works belonging to the New York Historical Society.

The Met said it had not decided whether to try to acquire the

tain region 1,600 kilometers (1,000 miles) south of Moscow, declared independence from Russia three years ago, when the Soviet Union collapsed. Neither Russia nor the rest of

the world recognized the claim. but a Kremlin preoccupied with other matters did little to challenge it until five weeks ago. On Tuesday, a Chechen dele-

people have been killed.

An Associated Press correViktor S. Chernomyrdin here and raised hopes of a cease-fire. But there were no signs of peace center of the city, reported that 'overtures Wednesday, and Mr. Chechen fighters had retaken Yelisin specifically ruled out Yeltsin specifically ruled out the train station, which Russian talks with the Chechen leader. "We are ready for talks, hnt

not for talks with Dudayev, "Don't worry, the Chechen trolled the presidential palace against his own people," Mr.

Correction

hours of electricity on Tuesday.

A spate of cold weather was hlamed for the spurt in demand.

With all units in full production, the utility's maximum daily power output is estimated at 6,479 gigawatt hours. The greater Athens area, home to almost half of Greece's population of about 10 million, consumed a record 2,276 gigawatt hours on Tuesday. A Greek company has launched a motor scooter taxi service to

ferry passengers through Athens's choked streets. The Model Services Co. has 22 Vespa motor scooters with trained riders who will pick up passengers in Athens on an hour's notice. The company charges 50,000 drachmas (\$200) a month to deliver commuters to and from work.

Residents of Iceland's capital, Reykjavík, were advised by police to stay indoors Wednesday during a blizzard, as visibility plunged to zero and winds blew 130 kilometers (80 miles) per hour. Police said more than 1,000 people had fled their homes in Iceland's northwestern fjords and more than 200 houses had been evacuated because of the danger of avalanches. An avalanche on Monday killed 14 people in a fishing village. Iran has signed a deal with two Swedish firms to build Tehran's

first five-star hotel since the 1979 Islamic revolution, a newspaper reported Wednesday. The luxury hotel will be built in the some foothills northwest of Tehran by Skanska International Building AB and Scaan Consultants at a cost of 127 billion rials (\$726 million), Iran News said.

Airport tax for passengers at South African airports will increase by 6 percent starting April 1, as part of new levies to upgrade and maintain facilities (AP)

# Frequent Fliers Can Sue If Benefits Are Restricted

WASHINGTON - People can sue airlines that retrosctively restrict their frequent-flier club benefits, the Supreme Court ruled Wednesday. The 6-to-2 decision allows an Illinois class-action lawsuit to-

go forward against American Airlines, inventor of the immensely popular frequent-flier plans now offered by every Frequent-flier cluh members had sued American over re-

strictions it imposed on the program in 1988 in an effort to hold down costs. The airline limited the number of seats used, on each flight for free or discounted tickets and said passengers no longer could use such tickets on heavy travel days such as Christmas and Thanksgiving.

The airline said it had reserved the right to change the

benefits it offered. But club members accused American of breach of contract, saying the airline had improperly reduced the value of travel miles they had saved.

American's lawyers had argued that the lawsuit was barred. by the 1978 Airline Deregulation Act, which preempts state court lawsuits over issues related to airline rates, routes of

But the Supreme Court ruled that the deregulation law does not bar lawsuits over frequent-flier plans.

### they had occupied earlier, wipproblem will be settled soon," and they were operating Yeltsin said. Russian Red Tape Foils Chechnya Relief

By Lee Hockstader

BESLAN, Russia - Larry Hollingworth, a United Nations refugee official, drove to the airport here expecting to meet a large planeload of relief Instead he ran into a blizzard of Russian red tape. On the phone just an hour

tower had assured Mr. Holling- sixth week. worth that the plane carrying blankets, kitchen equipment and other supplies was on the uty director said he knew nothing about the flight.

WASHINGTON - The State Department on Wednes-

day criticized the decision of a

Singapore court to hold in contempt a U.S. professor and the International Herald Trihune

because of an opinion piece

A New Spokesman for Bonn

BONN - Germany on

Wednesday named Peter Haus-

mann, 43, a radio journalist. as

its government spokesman. He replaces Dieter Vogel, who re-tires at the end of February.

one of three Russian cities -Moscow, Samara or Novgorod. tt could not land here. It was just the latest in a se-

ries of hassles, hurdles and supplies for people who have headaches that have obstructed fled the fighting in Chechnya. international relief officials trying to rush emergency aid to 300,000 to 400,000 refugees forced from their homes by the earlier, the air traffie control war in Chechnya, now in its

Refugee officials say the problems they have encoun-tered at the hands of Russian way. But at the airport, the dep-hureaucrats seem designed to ensure that none of the relief aid is used for the benefit of Besides, the airport official Chechen separatist lighters who said, there was a new rule: Since continue to resist the Russians,

published four months before. "The decision is unfortunate," said the department's deputy spokesman. Christine Shelly. "We believe that free-

dom of expression is a universal

right of all people, regardless of

their nationality or culture." A commentary by Christopher Lingle, 46, which appeared in the American-owned IHT on Oct. 7, said some East Asian governments use a "compliant judiciary to hankrupt opposi-tion politicians." Mr. Lingle, the paper's publisher, its editor for Asia and its Singapore dis-

tributor and printer were found

guilty of contempt and fined.

mittee of the Red Cross and Doctors Without Borders, started earlier and have made more progress than the United Nations in distributing aid in the region. The Red Cross, for example, is distributing tons of hasie food and emergency

medicine for up to 3,000 people and has taunched a \$41 million fund-raising drive to finance Decision in IHT Case 'Unfortunate,' U.S. Says the effort. But the Red Cross also has complained of bureaueratie problems that have delayed re-

we started.

lief efforts for the refugees who have been streaming out of Chechnya for more than a month. For instance, Russian customs officials are insisting on checking all Red Cross supplies twice - once after they are unloaded from the airplane and again after they are released for distribution from a Russian-controlled warehouse.

"We can't say whether it's deliberate red tape or the usual disorganization in the former Soviet Union," said Erik Reumann, a Red Cross official in Ingushetia, which horders

west of the capital, Harare, the police reported Wednesday.

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### INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE, THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 1995

# THE AMERICAS / STATE OF THE AMERICAN / STATE OF THE AM

By Eric Pianin and Helen Dewar

Washington Pial Service

WASHINGTON — House Republican leaders have begun to back away from an ambitious timetable for our line of desiting a long-term deficitfrom an ambitious timetable for cuiting spending and taxes and placing the government on a "glide path" ID a balanced budget.

of interim targets for adopting their "Contract With America" proposals within the first 100 days of the new Congress. But the chairman of the Budget Committee, John R. Kasich of

By Charles Trueheart

Washington Pust Service
TORONTO — The triumph

of the Republican Party in the

November congressional elec-

conservatives, who have strug-

debate in their left-of-center so-

cial democracy a few notches to

The Canadian connection

Tuns both ways, too. The Re-

publican realignment in the United States was presaged by

the Canadian right's own recent

political upheavals, which of-

lered important lessons to Re-

excited," said Jason Kenney,

executive director of the Cana-

dian Taxpayers Association, a

fax-cutting organization that dreams of a balanced budget law in debt-ridden Canada.

real conservative ideas and poli-

cies more acceptable to talk

about in Canada, where politi-

cal debate has for quite some

time been very narrowly confined to the center-left, at least

said Kenneth Whyte, a conser-

vative who edits Saturday Night magazine, "inevitably

will encourage people on the right in Canada, give them new

Link Byfield, editor of the

ideas, new energy, new hope."

but he said voters in the two

in American terms," he said. "The American experience,"

"Newt Gingrich bas made

"As a conservative, I'm quite

publican election strategists.

Canada's Jolly Right

Swing to Republicans in U.S.

Gives the Conservatives Hope

tions has heartened Canadian people's minds that govern-conservatives, who have strug-gled for years to steer political said. "It's an old Enlightenment

and conscious rejection of the

ruling class."
"There's a new understand-

ing of the word 'liberty' in the

world, a new idea creeping into

idea, so it's no surprise to me

that when the idea reasserts it-self, it does so with spectacular

force in the United States, With

our British, constitutional mon-

archist traditions, we don't do it

nal victories last November fol-

lowed elections in Canada a

year before that sent a robust

but untried populist-conserva-

tive party, based mainly in the

West, to Parliament, Preston

Manning's Reform Party cap-

tured 52 seats in the 295-mem-

ber House of Commons, Two

more seats would make the par-

author of the recent book

Republicans geared up for the 1994 elections, the near-elimi-nation of the Progressive Con-

servative Party, under Brian Mulrorey, became a "wonder-

ful object lesson: Conservative

voters in Canada were alienated

from a party that failed to make

'Dead Right," said that as the

David Frum, a columnist and

ty the official opposition.

The Republican congressio-

with so much panache."

line of drafting a long-term deficit-elimination plan by April 15, the 100th

House Republicans had set a series day that they were also likely to pass Republican leaders indicated Tuesspending and tax cuts together rather than cut spending first as promised.

Mr. Kasich and the House majority leader, Richard K. Armey of Texas, had argued that it was symbolically

they would still complete action on the proposals within 160 days, as promised during the campaign. "That's all that matters," an Armey aide said. Even so, the slipping schedule in the House—and slowdowns in the Senate—highlighted the problems of campaign promises colliding with legislative realities. tive realities.

Compounding the problem is that quiring a three-fi Republicans in the House have had for raising taxes. Ohio, said that Republican leaders had abandoned a target of outlining by the end of this month the roughly \$200 about the roughly \$200 about the roughly \$200 are the publicans said it would be more palatically and the roughly \$200 are the publicans said it would be more palatically and the roughly \$200 are the roughly \$20 virtually nn experience in governing Opposition in the Senate from Rob-during the past 40 years, and yet their crt C. Byrd, the West Virginia Demo-next month, when President Bill Clin-

publican opposition to a pravision requiring a three-fifths "supermajority"

able to pass spending and lax reduc-tions simultaneously.

The Republican leaders insisted the minority party.

agenda in a highly unorthodox fash-ion. Also, Senate rules tend in favor the minority party.

strategist, is certain to slow the process even more, if not defeat the popular measure. The former majority leader ion. Also, Senate rules tend in favnr the minority party.

Proposals for a balanced-budget used one arcane device Tuesday to half committee action on the amendment.

The Republican plan in the House for pushing through a major tax cut this year, financed with spending reductions, could be even more of a challenge. The Budget Committee had planned to rewrite the current 1995 budget as early as this week to instruct committees on how to pay for tax cuts. Now Mr. Kasich and others say the

Senior members of the Appropriations Committee said the problem was one of growing tension between Republicans on their committee and those on the Budget Committee over the scope of spending cuts.

In the Senate, Mr. Byrd objected to Judiciary Committee proceedings on the balanced budget amendment by invoking a rule that allows a senator to object if a committee meets more than two bours after the Senate goes into session. At 11:13 A.M., I hour and 58 minutes after the Senate convened. the Democrat objected to further action by the Judiciary Committee.

The panel's chairman, Ornn G. Haieb of Utah, complied with Mr. Byrd's objection but said he would call the committee back to work Wednesday. Other Republicans on the Judiciary Committee said Mr. Byrd could not block approval of the amendment. But his maneuver indicated that passage may not come casily.

Mr. Byrd accused Republicans of backpedaling on spelling out the spending cuts that would be required to balance the budget by 2002, as the amendment would require.

### Coalition Will Sing Praises of 'Contract'

WASHINGTON -- Muffling for the time being the Christian Coalition's rallying cries on school prayer, abortion and homosevuality, the group's leader has said that the coalition would mount its most ambitinus Inbbying drive ever for

passage of the House Republicans' legislative agenda. Ralph Reed, the group's executive director, said religious conservatives deserved credit for the Republican successes at the polls last November. And he made it clear that his group

expected to be a central player in pressing for the Republican "Contract With America."
"We will launch the largest single lobbying effort in our history," Mr. Reed said, "when all 50 of our state chairmen fly to Washington to personally work for passage of the balanced budget amendment." They were to arrive Wednes-

day, he said.

Mr. Reed said the coalition would spend ninre than \$1 million on a lobbying campaign through "phone banks, fax networks, satellite televisinn, computerized bulletin boards, talk radio and direct mail."

### Ex-Tennessee Governor Readies '96 Race

WASHINGTON -- Former Governor Lamar Alexander of Tennessee filed papers formally establishing his presidential-campaign committee and said he would announce his candidacy in late February or early March.
He said he had hired the core of his campaign staff and was

beginning to raise funds.

Mr. Alexander, who served as education secretary in the Bush administration, joined Senator Phil Gramm of Texas in establishing a presidential-campaign committee.

### Quote/Unquote

From a lecture by the House speaker, Newt Gingrich, in his course on American civilization at Reinhardt College in Genrgia, on women in enmbat:

"What does combat mean? If combat means being in a ditch, females have hiological problems staying in a ditch for 30 days because they get infections, and they don't have upper hody strength. I mean, some do, but they're relatively rare. On the other hand, men are basically little piglets. You drop them in the ditch, they roll around in it, doesn't matter, you know. These things are very real. On the other hand, if combat means being on an Aegis class cruiser managing the computer controls for 12 ships and their rockets, a female again may be dramatically better than a male who gets very, very frustrated sitting in a chair all the time because males are biologically driven to go out and hunt giraffes. So you got to look at these kinds of hackground, what do these transitions mean, how do they apply, what does it mean for personal strength!"



Finance Minister John Martin, right, and Prime Minister Jean Chrétien with reporters.

that the real danger was in run-

Supplanting the Progressive Conservatives, who were left with only two seats in the Commons, Mr. Manning's Reformers have became the voice for a diverse collection of populists and conservatives whose agenda resembles that of Ross Perot's and elements of Mr. Gingrich's Republican coalition, Mr. Whyte called it "an emerging consensus in favor of lower taxes, smaller government and, for lack of a better term, traditional

ical process and had drifted on social issues." Mr. Frum said the debacle of Canada's old-line Conservahard-right Canadian journal tives and the emergence of Re-Western Report, said he was form discredited the old notion skeptical about a political rip-ple effect north of the border, not risk a campaign too close to successes in Canada in speeches and television broadcasis. political extremes.

ountries, and in all industrial The lesson Mr. Gingrich, the democracies, were manifesting new U.S. House speaker, and sists U.S. influence as energetithe same "ubiquitous distrust" bis advisers took to heart from cally — and perversely — as it

embraces it. Mr. Kenney specu- Canada. They'll say: 'You don't lated that Mr. Gingrich's "Con- want to be boorish free-market Canada, Mr. Frum said, was ning "too close to the center." tract With America" would pigs like the Americans, Let's "give ammunition to the tradi-tional anti-American left in that are distinctly Canadian."

meaningful reforms to the polit-"Preston Manning understood the Perot phenomenon long before Perot himself did." said Dimitri Pantazopoulos, a former Reform Party polisier who said Mr. Gingrich occa-sionally cited Mr. Manning's

Canada, analysis noted, re-



 The Secret Service has charged a Denverarea restaurant worker with threatening lo kill President Bill Clinton while the president was in Denver for the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. Keven Kuzari, 23, was ordered held

• In what federal prosecutors called a major blow against Chinese organized crime in the United States, Clifford Wong, the former president of a New York Chinatown fraternal and business organization, was convicted of murder, extortion and racketeering. (NYT) · A single man who admitted beating his 5week-old son into a coma after paying a surrogate to bear the child is expected to be charged with the baby's death. The father, James Alan Austin, has been held in a Philadelphia prison since Jan. 8, the day he took

• The City of Los Angeles has been ordered by a federal judge to pay \$1.6 million to the attorneys who won Rodney King a \$3.8 million judgment for his videotaped beating by police. The amount was less than ball of the \$4.4 million the lawyers had sought. (AP)

### **Away From Politics**

# his unconscious son to a bospital. (AP)

# New Tale of Simpson Violence First Wife Reported Beating, Policeman Says

children." his atatement says.

"She told us that she had been

there.

visible injury."

By David Margolick

By David Margolick

New York Times Service

LOS ANGELES — Court gapers have revealed for the lime that on at least one whose location he could not reccasion, O. J. Simpson's first call. Mr. Simpson was not wife, Marquerite Simpson. Thomas, reported that Mr. Simpson had beaten her. They also disclosed that Mr. Simpson had called Mrs. Thomas shortly before his scheduled arrest last hit by her husband, O. J. Simp-June, saying he bad been framed and was about to kill

The documents, contained in a motion to compel Mrs. Thomas's testimony, contradict her lous to steer clear of her former repeated assertions that Mr. husband's case, went into hid-Simpson never struck her during their 12-year marriage. But investigators found her, which ended in 1979. That was and last month they subpocwhat she told the police on June naed her at her home. She has 23. 11 days after Nicole Brown moved to quash the subpoena. Simpson and Ronald L. Gold-man were killed.

Judge Lance A. Ito is to rule on whether details of Mr. Simpson's violent acts toward his second wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, will be admissible at

· Given its remoteness in time, it is doubtful that the informauon about Marquerite Simpson Thomas would be allowed into evidence. But the disclosure is another blow to Mr. Simpson's reputation, if not to his defense. Opening arguments in the trial were expected to begin on Thursday, Mr. Simpson, a for-

charged with two counts of In a statement he gave to prosecutors last November, Terry G. Schauer, a senior lead officer in the Los Angeles Police Department, said that

mer football star and actor, is

about 20 years earlier, be had Wisitation Privileges Cut

Judge Ito severely restricted Mr. Simpson's jail visitation privileges after the sheriff's department complained that a book author had met Mr. Simpson in a room reserved for at-"f do remember that his first torneys and material witnesses, wife was there with two small documents released Wednesday showed. The Associated Press

reported from Los Angeles.
"One of the individuals listed son, who left the location. I as a 'material witness' visited 15 don't recall if there was any times and evidently used this to co-author a book with Mr.

According to prosecution documents, Mrs. Thomas, anxrence Schiller, a producer and author who has belped Mr. Simpson prepare a book, "I Want To Tell You," in which ing shortly after the killings. Mr. Simpson reportedly discusses his anguish at being wrongly accused of murder,

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# **EUROPEAN**

## **TOPICS**

### Fading Celtic Outposts Download A Renaissance as 'Telecottages'

Making a virtue of remoteness, Britain's Celtic fringe is eagerly pulling onto the information superhighway, thereby starting to reverse a relentless trend toward decline.

For all their beauty, the Western Islands of Scouland and the northwestern edge of Ireland, with their treacherous waters and begrudging earth, have been a rough place to scrape out a living. Their decline, as The Times of London reports, was starkly demonstrated in 1930 when the 30 people remaining on the remote isle of St. Kilda, wracked by disease, asked the government to hring them to the mainland.

Immigrants, when they did come, faced howling gales and winter days only six hours long. Crofts, or tenant farms, on the islands are generally so small and stony that other sources of income are needed, commonly fishing or weaving.

Now a new opportunity has appeared: in-formation technology. The islands have their own information technology officer, Britain's first. Isolated "telecottages," with computer links to the outside world, allow translators, copywriters and secretaries to work at home.

The Isle of Lewis is creating one of the world's first computer universities. Part of the embryonic University of the Highlands and Islands, it will soon send degree courses not just to the Western Isles hut to remote parts of the Continent.

### **Around Europe**

Abortion remains controversial in France 20 years after its legalization. Groups calling themselves "God's commandos" still protest outside some clinics or burst in to exhort staff members to stop their "hloody madness." Generally their members receive light sentences - suspended jail terms and fines of 5,000 francs (\$945) in one recent case.

The law requires all hospitals to perform abortions, but it also says that no doctor shall be required to perform them. Thus, when the

sole abortion specialist at the Nevers hospital gave up the work in November, none of his four colleagues would take over, forcing the head of the department to do so. But he in turn gave up, saying, "I was tired." There has been none of the violence that has hit abortion clinics in the United States, but doctors are keenly aware of it, says the daily Le

Since remification, the number of women in Eastern Germany who have had themselves sterilized has soared. The number of sterilizations in Brandenburg state alone shot up to 6,224 in 1993, from 827 in 1991, according to a report by a Berlin sociologist, Daphne Hornig. Many of the women involved, she found, were acting in response to "high pres-sure to show flexibility" regarding work or to fears that they would be unable to care for children. The hirthrate in Brandenburg has meanwhile fallen by two-thirds.

The Swedish Army has determined that igloos can stand up to assault by mortar and 155rom artillery rounds with only minimal damage. They also remain invisible to infrared detection devices, which are used to guide bombs. The Swedes hope to use the ice structures as warehouses, field hospitals, helicopter bases, even headquarters.

Everything Polish soldiers ever wanted to know about churchly etiquette is now at their fingertips, thanks to a new prayer book that is standard issue. It tells soldiers who they should pray for ("the president, all leaders. soldiers and veterans of the Polish Army, all people, the entire church and the Holy Father"), how tanks should be positioned during a field Mass (on the edge of the artillery formation) and what to sing (including militaristic versions of Christmas songs).

The book has been the object of some merriment among soldiers, however, for its detailed and courtly advice, reports the German newsweekly Focus. When, for example, a priest tells the faithful during Mass to offer the sign of peace, instead of merely shaking their neighbors' hands, soldiers are instructed, in the case of a married woman, "to take the outstretched hand and kiss it as a sign of highest regard — as is fitting for a Polish

Brian Knowlton

### GUSTAV MAHLER: Vienna, The Years of Challenge (1897-1904)

By Henry-Louis de la Grange. 1,100 pages. \$45. Oxford University Press/Clarendon.

Reviewed by Martin Bernheimer

WHEN Gustav Mahler died in 1911 at the age of 50 victim of a bad heart, a bacterial infection and, perhaps, his selfdescribed madness - the world mourned a great, glamorous, autocratic conductor who also happened to be a composer. We cannot see how any of his music can long survive him," wrote a New York Trihune authority.

Mahler was a giant on the podum who did not gladly suffer fools, be they guardians of the Austrian court, society ladies controlling the board at the New York Philharmonic, recalcitrant singers or lofty composers whose orchestrations struck him as worthy of improvement. He was a perfectionist and tyrant, a stuhbornly expansive romantic in a world advancing toward a taut modernist revolution.

His music always had sophisticated champions, and it influ-WHAT THEY'RE READING

Sherwin B. Nuland, whose

memoir, "How We Die: Reflec-

won the 1994 National Book

Award for nonfiction, is read-

ing "Freud for Historians," by

able insights that Freud gives in

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"It contains so many valu-

(Lawrence Malkin, IHT)

Peter Gay.

tions on Life's Final Chapter,

enced such upstarts as Arnold La Grange's perspective and Schoenberg, Alban Berg and scope Volume Two devotes 719 Ernst Krenek. General audiences, however, were often baffled by Mahler's complexity and intimidated by his grandiosity.

Much has been written in recent years about Mahler — the man, the maestro, the music and, yes, the myth. No one has written more about Mahler and the Mahler phenomenon than Henry-Louis de la Grange. And no one has written better.

Born in Paris in 1924, La Grange began his monumental research in 1960. The eventual result was "Gustav Mahler; Chronique d'une vie," a massive three-volume study published between 1973 and 1984.

The first volume appeared in La Grange's own English translation 20 years ago. Now, at last, we have the second volume in English, scrupulously enhanced with corrections and factual additions. It serves as down pay ment on a four-volume English edition that divides Mahler's crucial Vienna period into two sections. The current installment is just the first half. A revised and updated version of the first English volume is to be published last.

A few cold statistics suggest

# pages to historical reportage

**BOOKS** 

covering only seven and one third years of Mahler's life, from May 1897 to September 1904, in doggedly chronological order. That averages 98.4 pages per year or, if you will, 8.17 pages per month. This isn't exactly a

Mahler was 37, a conductor of international esteem and an accomplished if controversial composer when Vienna beckoned in 1897. The city represented a capital of international culture and, as such, a logical step up from his post in Hamburg. Mahler knew he would face

anti-Semitism in Austria. Naively, he thought he could alleviate the problem with a hasty conversion to Catholicism. The move may have been cynical, hut it was characteristically practical. Ultimately it proved ineffective. At the Court Opera, Mahler instituted ruthless reform. He

enlarged and modernized the repertory, banished the beloved Viennese tradition of Schlamperei (a sort of comfortable sloppiness), manned the podium with staggering frequency, performed works without the cuts that had become customary, engaged young singers to supplant ng civil servants on the roster, and enforced the novel concept of opera as valid theater rather than a concert in costume. At the Philharmonic, which he inherited from Hans Richter a year later, he swept out comparable

Anti-Semitism dogged his ef-forts, as feared. "The Jewish Regime at the Vienna Opera" was the headline over an early article in the Deutsche Zeitung. Understandably, Mahler's morale fluctuated as his tenure at

the Hofoper and Philharmonie came under increasing fire. Sometimes he was defiant. Sometimes he was disconsolate. Under the circumstances, it seems almost miraculous that he was able to compose anything, much less a group of masterpieces that includes some 'Wunderhorn' songs, the Fourth and Fifth Symphonies, the Rückert songs and the 'Kindertotenlieder.'

Still, no one could be surprised when he began to look for an excuse to leave Vienna without seeming a coward. New York came up with the perfect excuse in 1907, or so Mahler thought. Henry-Louis de la Grange will tell us all about it two volumes from now.

Kanaa

Martin Bernheuner wrote this for the Los Angeles Times

### BRIDGE

By Alan Truscott MARTIN HOFFMAN, an Englishman with top cre-

dentials as a player and writer who lives in Florida and circles the globe playing hridge, re-ported the diagramed deal, played at the Tamarac Club in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. He opened three clubs as West, and led the cluh king against four

hearts. South took the club ace, drew trumps and routinely took a diamond finesse. East won with the king and returned a cluh, and when West won he shifted to a spade. A finesse lost to the queen, and East was abla to return a diamond and eventually score a second spade trick to defeat the game. Hoffman points out that af-

ter drawing trumps South should have made the neutral. passive, crucial play of a club, which apparently does nothing in particular. That gives West one opportunity to do something for his partner. If he leads a spade, the ten is played from dummy, and when East wins he is immediately endplayed.

Alternatively, West may lead a diamond. South finesses, los-

ing to the king, and wins the diamond return in dummy. He can then cash another diamond winner, ruff a diamond, and take a spade finesse. Again East

is decisively endplayed. South would perhaps have hit on the crucial play of a club at the fourth trick if he had recalled W. S. Gilbert's description of Britain's House of Lords in Napoleon's time, which "did nothing in particular and did it very well.

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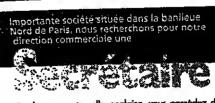
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# Haitians Accuse Politically Naive' U.S. Peacekeepers of Aiding the Enemy

By Larry Rollter

New York Times Service

JEREMIE, Haiti — When American

troops first arrived here in September, the
local population greated them as liber to local population greeted them as liberators. But for many in this isolated town of 25,000 at the tip of Haiti's southern peninsula, the Americans have turned out to be not saviors of the Huttian people, but rather allies of the paramilitary groups that oppressed Haitians for a generation.

Human rights groups say that while reports of collaboration between the U.S. military and such groups have been rare in Port-au-Prince, where most of the 6.000 American troops still in Haiti are deployed, such accusations are often heard from provincial centers and the country-

In those areas, where 70 percent of the population lives, small units of U.S. Special Forces and international police monitors have been sent to keep order and supervise the transition to democratic rule after restoring the country's democratically elected president, Jean-Bertrand Aris-

Relations in Jérémie, where the U.S.

contingent has been cut from 20 to 8, have frayed to the point that an American sol-dier aimed his rifle and hayonet at angry Aristide supporters protesting the fact that paramilitary forces still controlled a large number of local government offices. "This is not your country." they

changed. "Go back home." "The people of Jérémie are anxious because it is not just that they are walking hand in hand," Hugues Leopold, the local representative of the Aristide government, said of the relationship between the American soldiers and the paramilitary groups.

'lt's a marriage between the two.' Residents have similar complaints in neighborhoods where the Haitian Army and allied groups like the Revolutionary Front for the Advancement and Progress of Haiti (FRAPH) preyed on residents after President Aristide was overthrown in

People here cite a series of incidents over the last four months in which they say the international force of American soldiers and Australian police monitors appeared to be acting in concert with the Front and the Haitian military in Jérémie:

 On Oct, 15, the day Mr. Aristide was restored to power, Haitian soldiers shot and killed a 15-year-old boy at a street celebration in a nearby town. They were given refuge with the Americans at the arracks here and were later freed without charges. The shooting was declared acci-

 Two weeks later, four Aristide sup-porters were arrested without a warrant by police squad apparently under the command of a leader of the local Front office and taken to police headquarters, where they said they were threatened and harassed. Wilnesses said American soldiers, who had accompanied the Front-led squad, had not stopped the illegal arrest.

· A Front leader, Jean Bonhomme, accused of numerous killings, kidnappings and beauings under the military dictatorship, including the murder of a poor radio repairman and father of 15 children named Jean-Claude Dimanche, was taken into custody in October by Haitian officials working under American supervision. He then mysteriously disappeared from pris-

 In late November, a respected Roman Catholic priest who had long worked with the poor to oppose human rights abuses and corruption was arrested by Haitian police and Australian monitors based on a warrant drawn up by Front leaders. The cleric was freed only after a large and indignant crowd marked to police head-markets and demanded by priests. quarters and demanded his release.

"When the Hailian people ask the Aniericans to arrest the Macoules, they pay no attention, or they arrest them and then release them," said Renel Jean, 32, a teacher. The Tontons Macoutes, the enforcers for the former Duvalier dictatorship, set the standard for political thuggery in Haiti, and the term is used generically

But when the FRAPH asks for a person of the people to be arrested, it happens right away," Mr. Jean added. "We are really disillusioned."

The gradual deterioration of confidence here is a reminder that although the Clinion administration achieved a quick victory in Haiti in September by persuading

the military to step down, this country remains a political mine field.

The United Nations secretary-general. Butros Butros Ghali, announced Wednes-day that his organization would take over the international peacekeeping mission from the United States on March 31. Hai-tian officials have been increasingly concerned that the Americans will leave be-

fore the paramilitary groups are purged. The situation in Jeremie has been exploited by opponents of Mr. Aristide, said a foreign official who is familiar with recent events here. He described the Special

Forces detachments deployed around Hai-ti as "good soldiers, but politically naive." But the American cooperation with the Front for the Advancement and Progress of Haiti appears to have high-level blessof riand appears to have inguitered incoming. Major Regina M. Largent, a spokes-woman for the U.S. military in Port-au-Prince, said Special Forces units around the country had been told by headquarters that the Front was "a recognized political

rganization."
Still, foreign soldiers and police officers assigned here acknowledge that there have been occasions in which they have been

used by Front leaders still in positions of authority. One day after 30 Australian police monitors arrived here in late November, for example, they accompanied Haitian police and a Front leader to Sainte Hélène Church, where they arrested the Reverend Jonassaint Samedy on charges

of attempted murder, theft, and looting. The arrest warrant had been drawn up by the local prosecutor, who is also a former president of the Front chapter here. The priest's parishioners tried to convince the Australians of the implausibility of the charges, and then accompanied Father Samedy to police headquariers, where he was

released and the charges dropped after an hour of mounting popular protests. "That was someone taking advantage of someone new in town," said Sergeant Dave Arnold, a member of the U.S. Special Forces unit, when asked about the

Alan Bird, commander of the Australian contingent, said: "That was a learning process at an early stage." He added that in the same circumstances today. "I think we would make more inquiries.



### STONE MENAGERIE — Buffalo, elephant and reindeer are depicted in one of the wall paintings found in France

# Farrakhan Defends Conspiracy Suspect

By Edward Walsh

Washington Post Service CHICAGO - In his first public comments on the alleged plot to murder him, the Nadon of Islam leader, Louis Farrak-ban, has called the criminal neapolis. If coovicted, she faces charges against the daughter of Malcolm X part of a larger conspiracy to destroy him because of what he described as his growing influence among black Americans.

Mr. Farrakhan said that Malcolm X's daughter, Qubilah Shabazz, was innocent of the charges against her and had been manipulated by government agents into becoming "a tool in a diabolical scheme.

"If we can prove there was in fact government entrapment of this young lady, I believe we as a community should rise to demand ber release," be said at a news conference after a speech to 2,000 supporters on Tuesday.

Ms. Shabazz. 34, pleaded not guilty on Wednesday to federal charges that she had con-

ment informant to murder Mr. Farrakhan, The Associated Press reported from Minneapo-

[Her trial was set for March neapolis. If coovicted, she faces up to 90 years in prison and \$2.25 million in fines.

named the witness whom Ms. Shabazz allegedly asked to kill Mr. Farrakhan, but he has been identified in published reports as Michael Fitzpatrick, a longtime government informant and childhood friend of Ms. Shabazz.

In a television interview last ear, Malcolm X's widow, Betty Shabazz, said she believed Mr. Farrakhan had been involved in the 1965 assassination of her busband, the fiery black oationalist leader who was once a close ally of Mr. Farrakhan.

The charges against Qubilah Shabazz have reopened old wounds in the Nation of Islam and renewed questions about spired to hire a former govern- events of 30 years ago, when be has in the past, that "I was patrick.

Elijah Muhammad, and bis disciples, including Mr. Farrak-

Farrakhan sought to turn the pulpit flanked by two body-controversy to his advantage, asserting that the government, crowd: ting the stage for my incarceration or assassination."

These forces have determined that I must not survive,"

Proclaiming that he was "now becoming the voice of black America," Mr. Farrakhan asserted that "the government is working feverishly to provide a basis to prosecute me."

"The ultimate aim of this government is to destroy Louis Farrakhan by planting the seeds of public contempt and batred of mc through manipulation of the media," he added.

Mr. Farrakhan declared, as

Malcolm X had a bitter break and I remain absolutely innowith the organization's founder, cent of any involvement in the assassination of Malcolm X."

Summoning his wife and five daughters to the front of the Bul on Tuesday night, Mr. mosque, where he spoke from a

ration of "I ass news organizations, was "set- did harm to me and the government of the United States did not do justice, they would not hesitate to avenge me and they would not have someone else do

> Mr. Farrakhan said that Ms. Shabazz "is not an evil woman" but made an easy target for government conspirators and should now be provided with 24-hour protection.

His speech reflected allegations made by his top aides and the defense that is being mounted in Minneapolis by Ms. Shabazz's lawyer, Scott Tilsen. He contends that she was "seduced into this whole alleged scheme to kill Farrakhan" by Mr. Fitz-

# Clinton Promotes Mexico Rescue Package 'Not a Gift,' President Says, Citing Dangers of Economic Crisis

WASHINGTON - President Bill Clinton, faced with growing criticism of proposed loan guarantees to bolster the peso, said that Mexico's economic crisis posed a danger not emerging markets in Latin

America and Asia. help Mexico to remain a strong ocratic and Republican side. and stable model for economic development around our hemisphere and throughout the world," Mr. Clinton said in a speech to business leaders. "If we fail to act, the crisis of confidence in Mexico's economy could spread to other emerging countries in Latio America and

In addition, he said, the financial crisis that has caused the Mexican peso to plummet by 30 percent in three weeks "is plainly also a danger to the economic future of the United

Administration officials have said that the number of illegal immigrants crossing into Texas and California would increase can crisis continued.

Mr. Clinton, Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin, Vice President Al Gore and the U.S. trade

representative, Mickey Kantor, spearheaded an attempt to win over business community support for a proposal to make up to \$40 hillion in loan guarantees available to Mexico.

The proposal is supported by only to the U.S. economy but to the bipartisan U.S. congressional leadership but has attracted increasing criticism from the We are more secure if we rank-and-file on both the Dem-

Mr. Clinton rejected calls in Congress and elsewhere to attach many conditions to the proposed loan guarantees, and said: "These are not a gift. They are not a bailout." He likened the guarantees to "co-signing a oote" for Mexico.

Mr. Gore, after an appearance before the House Democratic caucus, dismissed claims by critics that there was growiog opposition to the proposal and said the administration would have the needed support for passage from both Republicans and Democrats.

But Representative Zach Wamp, Republican of Tennessee, said that a number of his by 430,000 this year if the Mcxi- colleagues among first-term Republican House members bad ournerous questions about the

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al Democrats worried about unfair competition from low-wage of Chiapas. Mexican workers to conservafederal funds used for the rescue package.

73 first-term Republican House members to their cause to defeat the package.

The conservative commentaworking to derail the assistance package, said there was widespread skepticism of the package among Republicans.

We are making the loan guarantees so Mexico can pay off their loans to New York banks," he said. "We are taking Wall Street off the book and putting the taxpayers on the hook." (AP, NYT, Reuters)

■ A Landmark Agreement Tod Robberson of The Wash-

ington Post reported from Mexi-

Party, and three opposition sands out of work.

tees were coming from the same groups have announced a landgroups that almost defcated the mark agreement aimed at im-North American Free Trade proving the atmosphere for fi-Agreement with Mexico 14 nancial recovery while setting months ago, ranging from liber- the stage for a peace accord with rebels in the southern state

The accord, details of which tive Republicans upset about are to be hammered out in subsequent negociations, calls for broad electoral reforms dealing Conservative opponents are with party financing, cam-oping to attract enough of the paign-spending limits and equal access to news and advertising media. Although numerous reform packages have been heralded in the past, a governtor Patrick J. Buchanan, who is ment official said Tuesday's pact was the first to bave the blessing of all three of the country's main opposition parties.

### Southeast Indian State **Bans Most Alcohol Sales**

BOMBAY - The new government in the southeastern Indian state of Andhra Pradesb has banned most alcobol sales despite protests from liquor shop and bar owners.

The ban is expected to close Mexico's governing party.

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### CHECHNYA: Christopher Says He Is Reassured by Russian's Promises

determined by Russia's actions in living up to those promises.

He said that while President Bill Clinton was convinced that aid to Russia was in the best interests of the United States, Congress's approval of such aid depended on Russia's progress toward market and democratic reforms, including how it bandled the conflict in Chechnya.

Despite efforts by Mr. Christopher and

Mr. Kozyrev to depict their encounter as friendly, the Russian displayed a pricklioess over the Checben situation that reflected Moscow's continuing irritation with what it sees as foreign meddling in its

He dismissed threats of aid cuts in retali-ation for the Chechnya conflict by saying that "the American assistance is oot very big as it is."

Chechnya, that American presidents had issued orders five times in the past two decades to the U.S. armed forces to quell domestic rebellions.

Mr. Kozyrev recalled Mr. Yeltsin's

foreign critics of Russia's actions in

warning last December about the dangers of "a cold peace" between Russia and the West and insisted that his country was determined to avoid any dangerous lapse He also contended, in a sharp jab at cow and Washington.

# Paul Delouvrier, 80, Built Outer Paris, Dies

PARIS - Paul Delouvrier, go, the civil servant and economist who gave the environs of Paris their modern look, died Monday. The cause of death was not disclosed.

Mr. Delouvrier came to pub-lic attention in 1958, when de Gaulle appointed him chief ex-ecutive in Algeria. While there, he was in charge of attempts to quell the Algerian uprising while negotiating with rebels and dealing with restive French settlers and army officers.

He oversaw the vast reconstruction around Paris as the government's chief representa-

1969. According to some ac-counts, de Gaulle took him up secretary of culture said. There Jan. 5 in Sherborne. England of in a helicopter, pointed at the crumbling suburbs and told him to clean them up.

Mr. Delouvrier mapped out and guided construction of satellite towns for hundreds of thousands of people.

Miguel Torga, Portugal Poet And 'Conscience of Nation' COIMBRA, Portugal (AP)

- Miguel Torga, 87, a Portuguese poet of resistance and Nobel prize candidate, died Tuesday after a five-month battle with cancer

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who has become the conscience of his nation like Torga." Edward Gargan, 72, Scholar

Of Modern French History MADISON, Wisconsin NYT) — Edward T. Gargan, 72, a scholar of modern French

intellectual and social history and emeritus professor of French history at the University of Wisconsin, died of a beart nttack Tuesday at his home in Madison, Wisconsin.

Mr. Gargan was the author or editor of seven books and a former president of the Society for French Historical Studies He was history department

to the University of Wisconsin at Madison in 1967. He taught there until be retired in 1992. Frederick Stagg, 99, Envoy And Army Officer of Britain PARIS(IHT) - Frederick L.

Stagg, 99, a former British dip-

chairman at Wesleyan Univer-sity in Connecticut before going

is no other Portuguese writer complications following pneu-Born in Ecuador, educated in the United States and a long-

time Paris resident, Mr. Stagg served in the British Army during both world wars and carried out several confidential missions for the Foreign Office. Mr. Stagg was an accom-plished cook: His "A Paris Cookbook" was published in 1975 by Harper & Row.

Elaine Greene, 74, a leading literary agent in Britain, died Jan. 10 in London.

Clarence J. Dauphinot Jr., 81, an asset manager who helped and of the American Catholic Historical Association. develop Latin America's finan-cial markets after World War II, died Friday in New York.

Ralph Merrifield, 81, a Brit-

ish archaeologist and authority

on London under the Roman Empire, died Jan. 9 in London. Helen Hedrick Knopf, 92, an author and the widow of the New York publisher Alfred A. Knopf, died Saturday in Med-



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# KOBE QUAKE / TERRIBLE, RISING TOLLS

# 'We Can't Continue to Live Like This'

# Survivors Search Their Devastated City for Food and Water

By Sheryl WuDunn

KOBE, Japan --- As they stepped among the fallen beams and crumbling plaster that were everywhere, the cold and weary citizens of this city tried to collect the broken pieces of their homes and their lives, many fleeing to shelters in schools, cars, municipal buildings and bospitals.

In just 20 seconds, the quake transformed this proud city with its posh shopping streets and Western-style architecture, into a city of dignified beggars. Few people went to work, and instead, many set out to forage for food, over blocks of fallen cement, past tilting buildings and under highways that had collapsed.

A main goal for many citizens in this wealthy port area was to find drinking water. One desperate man scooped water out of a street puddle into a plastic soda pop bottle, while nthers ladled water from a nearby swimming pool. When that ran out, they sought out water lines where

supplies were dropped off by army troops.

Wednesday evening, a hundred people formed a single file down a hilly road. clutching water bottles or huddling around large coolers, huckets, kitchen bowls and any other large containers they could find.

"We had water supply yesterday and then I got some water from a friend, hut now we need in wait in line for water," said Kazuko Miyamoto, 60, whn stood with two water bottles in the front of the line. "I'm auxious about the aftershocks. We

have food to last maybe a week, but we can't continue to live like this forever." to shield her family against the chilly winds.

In a city that has thrived for more than a other necessities were not reaching them right away. Many stores had crumbled during the quake and in those that had

survived, shelves were bare.
"We bought some noodles," said Mrs.
Miyamoto's husband, Isamu Miyamoto, 67, manager at a local government company. "But the four clerks who tended the

Without electricity, all tallying of prices

had to be done with pen and paper.

Authorities are restricting use of the twn
main roads between Osaka and Kobe to supply trucks. In the evening, caravans of food trucks drove through the heart of the

Repair workman dutted the main streets, spreading fresh asphalt on gaping roads, and fire trucks circled the city. Supplies of necessives were slow to come, according to many citizens interviewed, but they were retuctant to openly criticize the government.

"I hope the local authorities will provide us with services soon," said Chizuko Ue, whose 44th birthday is Friday. But even if she had the spirit to celebrate, she would have to forsake her cracked house, with its displaced walls, caved-in floors and menacing tilt, and use the flimsy plastic tent she and her neighbors constructed outside

Her bnuse, on a slope near a small century on commerce, it was hard for citi-zens th understand why food, water and spent the night in their car.

"What if I walk into the house and it shakes again?" asked Mrs. Ue, who shiv-ered in her red coat, scarf and a white towel. "I don't know what to think, my head is just a hlank slate. I'm still in a

More than 200,000 people, a sharp increase from Tuesday, streamed intn schools, hospitals and government build-ings to escape the cold. About 500,000 homes still had no electricity, according to the official NHK radio station. More than 70,000 people were evacuated from a central area where a tank of liquid petroleum had begun to leak.

At the Knbe West City Hospital, To-miko Harada and her husband squatted in the first-floor waiting room, renting futons and hlankets from the hospital. Mrs. Harada's husband suffered a slight injury during the quake, but the main reason they are staying in the hospital was to escape their

messy home. "Our house is in ruins," Mrs. Harada said, as she leaned over her sleepy husband. By her side were two shopping bags filled with clothes, pretzels, cakes and oth-er necessities. "They gave us candies and a bottle of milk today."



A homeless Kobe resident and her grandson huddling in front of a hospital Wednesday.

### QUAKE: 3,000 Are Dead, Hundreds Missing and Up to 250,000 Homeless

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blue pajamas that he was sleeping in at the time of the quake, was rushed to hospital hut appeared to be relatively healthy. Most of the excavation was not so suc-

cessful, and in many cases the rescuers turned up only corpses, They're probably several hundred peo-

ple still huried," Hajime Ishii, a member of the Diet from Kobe, said in a telephone interview from the stricken area. Asked about the prospects for finding many of them alive, he paused. "Well, I don't know," he said. "Several

days have passed and it's very cold here." The political parties in the ruling coalitinn decided Wednesday tn dispatch 13,000 troops to the area and huild 1,000 temporary homes for the refugees. But it was clear that the government did not have the supplies on hand to care for the huge number of refugees whin have lost their homes in the guarde. homes in the quake.

Most of the refugees are staying in community shelters, such as school gymnasi-ums, but thnusands are also sleeping outdoors in parks and open spaces, warming themselves at bonfires made from the re-

New York Times Service

KOBE, Japan — Kunitomo

Sugiura took one look at the

stretch of Hanshin Expressway

lying on its side like an over-

turned banquet table and saw

immediately what was wrong.

In much of the elevated high-

way, the roadbed rests an bari-

zontal steel girders. But exactly

at the extremities of the 500-

meter (550-yard) toppled sec-

tion, the girders change from

Concrete is less expensive

than steel, and might have been

chosen to cut costs where the

soil was deemed suitable, said

Mr. Sugiura, an associate pro-

fessor of civil engineering at

Kyotn University. But concrete

is also heavier, he said, and the

weight probably contributed in the collapse of the expressway.

made long ago, as well as the vagaries of location, accounted

for the vast structural damage

in an almost arbitrary fashion.

In some cases, houses complete-

ly flattened lie next to others

that seem unscratched. In some

tall office huildings and depart-

ment stores, one floor seems to

have completely disappeared

while those above and below

stroyed seemed to be older nnes

made of wood frame with clay walls and traditional tile roofs.

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Many of the houses de-

suffered far less damage.

It seemed to wreak its bavoc

wrought by the earthquake.

A variety of design decisions

steel in reinforced concrete.

Food, medicine and water were scarce, partly because of traffic jams that prevented shipments from reaching their destinanons, Kazutoshi Sasayama, the mayor of Kobe, said the city had only one-third as much food and water as it needed.

When one man was asked what he was waiting for in a huge line, he answered: "I heard they're giving out food here, but I don't really know. You line up when there's a line,"

Japanese media carried increasingly critical coverage of the relief effort, often quating people wha were fed up with the

delays.

"The authorities haven't done anything," the Wednesday evening edition of the Mainichi newspaper quoted Yoshio Oka, a 48-year-old refugee, as saying, "If we continue to rely on them, we'll starve to

The newspaper said that at the school where Mr. Oka was staying, the city provided nuly 100 rice balls to be shared among 1,000 refugees. No one got anything to drink.

There was no sign of looting even though some shop windows were hroken and merchandise was available for the tak- but it did. We were shocked."

But there were wooden houses that roads, trestles and build. The code for buildings was

ment was not so great, it would

mean that Japan's anti-carth-

quake construction codes might

have to be tightened.

Search Is Already on for the Design Flaws

that stood up well and concrete ings collapsed. But if the move

or steel-frame buildings that

One factor is how the natural

period of vibration of a build-

ing matches with the vibration

nf the ground. Another factor is

clearly the soil. The damage was

much greater near the coast,

where the ground tends to be

softer and earth movements

therefore greater, than in the

It will probably take weeks

for scientists to sort things out

and learn what is to be learned.

But it is clear that the extent of

the damage shocked and dis-mayed Japan's engineering community, which had prided

itself on earthquake engineering widely considered the best

seen such harrible damage."

Mr. Sugiura said. "I cannot be-

lieve the collapse of the high-

heavily damaged were tradi-

tional ones built of a wooden

frame and clay walls. Residents

say that nid two-stnry apart-

ments, known as bunka juiaku,

or culture houses, were built im-

mediately after World War II.

Mr. Sugiura said that the

wooden structures are light and

should therefore withstand an

earthquake, and many did. Ja-

pan does not use stones and masonry in construction be-

cause they are heavier and

would unt withstand quakes as

One big question is how vio-

iently the ground shook, which

should be known once data from sensors is analyzed, Mr. Sugiura said. If the ground ac-

celeration was great, then it would perhaps be no surprise

well, he said.

Many of the houses most

"It's the first time I've ever

hills farther inland.

in the world.

crumpled.

ing, and there appeared to be very little jostling for the scarce food and water. Some of those in line voiced patience at the shortages

When we were waiting in line for three or four hours far water, nobody complained about the amount of help from the government," said Kumi Kotaki, 60, of Kobe. "Everyone in line was at least alive, and that's everything. Who could complain after surviving this disaster?"

Such patience in adversity apparently reflects the traditional Japanese emphasis nn gaman, or stnical perseverence. But younger Japanese dn not always have as much gaman as Mrs. Kotaki, and many were critical not just of relief efforts but also of the degree of preparedness for the quake itself.

Within the bureaucracy itself, there was

and an unusual degree of humility,
"I know there is criticism of what we have done so far," said Yasukuki Koga, an official in the Construction Ministry. nurselves were very surprised by the damage to highway bridges. We had been confident that such a thing would not happen,

ughtened after a big eartho

was revised in 1990.

in northern Japan in the late

1960s, Mr. Sugiura said. The

code for bridges and highways

# Governor Creates a Shock By Calling Refugees Lazy

OSAKA — In a sign of strain building up nver earthquake relief efforts, the governor of Osaka Province criticized refugees in the worst-hit area of Kobe, saying Wednesday they

The refugees "should cook their meals for themselves, but they don't have the will to do so," Kazuo Nakagawa told local government officials gathered to discuss relief measures.

"They should dn whatever they can," be added. "But they think someone else will do something for them."

The city of Osaka suffered minor damage compared with the devastation in neighboring Kobe, where tens of thousands of people have been left homeless.

On Wednesday the mayor of Kobe said authorities only

had enough food and water on hand to supply about one-

After Mr. Nagawa's comments were widely reported, a spokesman for the governor sought to soften his remarks by saying they meant to stress the importance of people helping

### **QUIRKS:** The Daily Grind

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Katsuo Minami, a 31-yearnld taxi dispatcher, said he saw a terrifying scene of destruction Tuesday morning on the narrow street where his grand-

house was gone. "So, I climbed up over this pile of rubble to the second floor," he continued. "There was my grandmother lying on the tatami, and she was fine."

salvageable items.
Residents of Nishinomiya reacted with the kind of polite-ness that is standard operating procedure in this highly disci-

stroyed neighborhood, a handwritten sign was posted on the door. "We humbly ask your honorable forgiveness," it read, "but we have no food left, so we were forced to close nur store. We are very sorry to inconvenience you.

that demolished house, a cluster nf ripe orange persimmons still clung to the bough.

mother lives.

"I do the early shift," Mr.: Minami recalled, "I was at work maybe half a mile away when I felt the quake. And my grandmother is 91, so I grabbed a taxi in our lot and raced over here. And when I got here, I saw this whole front of her apartment

Like almost everyone interviewed in Nishinomiya on Wednesday, Mr. Minami was remarkably calm in the face of the disaster that destroyed much of the neighborhood. On Wednesday morning, he donned a white sweat suit with "This good for active life" in-scribed in English on the back, and returned to his grandmother's apartment to scavenge for

plined country.
At a Family Mart convenience store in a largely de-

### 1.5 percent of the gross domes- Metals and Equities Rally Shares in Asian producers of

huilding materials and prices of industrial metals soared Wednesday as investors bet Ja-pan would boost imports to rebuild, news agencies reported.

**COSTS:** 

Up to \$200 Billion

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limited," he said. Other economists offered estimates but ac-

knowledged the uncertainties.

willing to believe even our own figures," said Ron Bavacque

conomist at Merrill Lynch Ja-

In any event, there was agree-

ment that the downside risk to

the broader economy was nil.

damages is still unknown.

Moody's does not expect the carthquake to have a significant

negative impact on the Japa-

nese economy and its financial

system," the investment rating agency said, adding, "It is still too early to determine whether

reconstruction activities will-have a positive effect on the

Extremely calm financial

markets in Tokyo on Wednes-

day suggested that investors agreed the threat to Japan's fi-nancial sector would be limited

Moody's said Japanese insur-

ance companies, whose shares fell Tuesday and Wednesday,

are likely to escape relatively

unscathed given their massive

assets. Less than 5 percent of

Kobe's private housing stock was affected by the quake, Mr.

Koll said, and only 3 percent of households in the area have

earthquake insurance. Moreover, the government is ready to assist casualty insurers with low-cost financing if payouts

Ample funds to abuild private homes can be called from

private savings: Households in

Kobe have been saving an aver-

age 13 percent of income in re-

On Wednesday, the chief cabinet secretary, Kozo Igarashi, hinted that Japan might compile a supplementary budget for reconstruction—something private-sector economists

consider a foregone conclusion

While in the short-term the

regional economy will suffer a

severe setback, in the long term

spending on the reconstruction

will act as a stimulus. Estimates of the increase to Japan's econ-

omy ranged from 0.6 percent to

in an election year.

exceed 66 trillion yen.

Japanese economy."

"Although the exact scale of

There's so much guesswork going on that I don't that we're

Taiwan cement shares rallied percent, while South Korean steel issues rose 4 percent.

In Malaysia and Indonesia, timber companies said they ex-pected a spate of new orders. Copper, aluminum and nick-el prices hit their highest levels in more than four years.
(Bloomberg, Reuters)

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### Families to Get Compensation

TOKYO - The Japanese government announced Wednesday that it would compensate those whn lost family members in the earthquake Tuesday.

Bereaved families will receive five million yen (\$50,000) if the breadwinner died and 2.5 million yen if other family members perished, a government official said. Breadwinners who tost their eyesight or had bones broken will get 2.5 million yen each and their dependents will get 1.25 million

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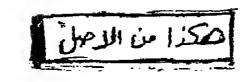
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# **Another Balkan War?**

It is about as clear as these things get that there is now a real danger of another major war crupting in the Balkans soon. On one side the Serbian minority in the Krajina region of Croatia and perhaps also Serbia proper, on the other side Croatia. Serbs and Croats fought earlier when Yugoslavia broke up. The Krajina Serbs, unwilling to become a minority in the successor state of Croatia, seized nearly a third of it and expelled large numbers of Croats. United Nations peacekeepers intervened but left many Croats convinced that the blue helmets, far from prying out the rebel Serbs, were helping them consolidate their grip. Hence Croatia's move now to let the UN peacekeeping mandate in Croatia expire on March 31. The

stage for new violence is set. Croatia, which has its own record of terrible nationalistic excesses in the '90s. enjoys a higher regard in the West than Serbia does. Still, it would be terrible if war came now between Serbia and Croatia, especially while the conflict between their cousins and proxies in Bosnia remains raw. A major focus of Bosniarelated diplomacy has been to avert a wider war. Croatia is cutting off the United Nations precisely to fence out further fruitless international mediation. Both Serbs and Croats seem ready — they have had three years — for another go.

Such a dire possibility puts a burden on their neighbors and other nations and on the international institutions to try to head off conflict. But where there may be broad international support for a formula of restored Croatian sovereignty with generous Serbian minority rights, there is a notable absence of interest in bringing force to bear to give effect to any international decisions along this line. Certainly the last thing anyone —especially the United Nations — needs is another toothless UN resolution.

To the political dilemma must be added the dilemma of relief. If war resumes. the combatants will invite others to defray the costs of refugee flows and of relief for civilians hurt and displaced. There is an obvious bumanitarian purpose to be served here, and the company of nations must serve it. But the very expectation of international relief can contribute to a decision to launch military operations. This is on top of the other copious abuses of well-intended international intervention that became evident in Bosnia. To care for the victims of bullying but to hold the bully accountable — this must be the ap-proach taken by the United States and the other involved countries if the Croats and Serbs fail to talk out their competing claims and go to war again. - THE WASHINGTON POST.

## Slow Down, Congress

Environmentalists and others whose interests are served by federal regulation have a name for the three main elements of what promises to be a sustained Republican effort to deregulate American society: the "Unholy Trinity." The term connotes both respect and fear.

There is merit in all three ideas. Yet critics fear that, taken together, they will cripple a quarter-century of federal efforts to protect everything from the environment to worker safety.

The ideas grew out of News Gingrich's "Contract With America." One would require compensation when property values are diminished by federal regulation. A second would subject regulations to independent cost-benefit analysis, otherwise known as "risk assessment," that could make it more difficult for federal agencies to carry out rules. The third would make it barder for Congress to approve costly new "unfunded mandates" - obligations imposed on state and local governments without the

federal dollars to pay for them. These are seductive notions with big consequences. All will need careful legislative handling. Unfortunately, that is not happening with the first of the three to take legislative form - an unfundedmandates bill that began a fast-track trip through Congress last week. The bill, which contains sensible suggestions and serious flaws, received only cursory inpection by two Senate committees. It is now on the Senate floor and will hit the House next week. That is much too fast.

Unfunded mandates have long been a sore point with mayors and governors, who say the cost of carrying out Washington's agenda denies them flexibility. Under the proposed legislation, any bill imposing a federal mandate of more than \$50 million must include an estimate by the Congressional Budget Office of its nonfederal costs. It must also in-

clude the money to pay for the mandate.

A single legislator could block any new mandate that does not meet these conditions. The objection could be overridden, but only after separate votes to override in both houses. Phil Gramm. Republican of Texas, would raise the threshold by requiring 60 votes to approve an unfunded mandate.

Forcing Congress to reach a higher level of accountability cannot be a bad idea. That is why a bill of some sort is

certain to pass and wby President Bill Clinton is likely to sign it. So what's to complain about? There are at least two big flaws. First, the bill sets up a twotrack system that would discriminate against the private sector. Private companies would sull have to obey (and pay for) federal mandates. Unless Congress gave governments the necessary funds, they could ignore them. That could put private businesses at a competitive disadvantage.

Laws governing waste disposal, for example, require expensive landfills to prevent contamination of the underlying water table. Private waste-disposal companies would still have to huild and operate these landfuls, but state and local governments would not unless Congress underwrote the costs, The U.S. Chamber of Commerce, which can usually be counted on to support Republican initiatives, has complained that the bill would severely skew the marketplace.

Some environmentalists suggest a compromise: Apply the unfunded-mandates prohibition to strictly governmental functions, like education and welfare: where mandates apply to both private and public entities, both should pay. The Clean Water Act, for example, imposes equally strict rules on the dis-charge of both industrial and municipal wastes. Would unfunded local governments now be free to pollute? That unthinkable outcome is a real possibility under the Republican bill.

Another big problem is that the bill applies to new law and does not address the billions in unfunded mandates from old law. That could have the perverse effect of discouraging efforts to fix outdated legislation; any new law that imposes unfunded mandates could run into a congressional roadhlock -- even though the new law represents a vast improvement over its predecessor.

The bill before the Senate is a careless-

ly drafted answer to legitimate complaints. Senators Carl Levin of Michigan and Joseph Lieberman of Connecticut. Democrats who are sympathetic to the measure, are using every parliamentary tactic in the book to delay the bill until it is fixed. More power to them. A bill that could reshape basic relations between federal and local governments, penalize the private sector and threaten the environment should not be railroaded.

- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

### **Other Comment**

### Wise Words on Foreign Policy

The Clinton administration has been fairly criticized for sometimes lacking consistency and a sure hand in its foreign policy, but so far the newly ascendant congressional Republicans can't be said to be doing much better when it comes to offering coherent alternatives. On such issues as Bosnia, continued aid to Russia and expansion of NATO, Republicans are far from being of one mind. All this is by way of background to the

recent appearance of James Baker before a House committee. Mr. Baker, secretary of state under George Bush, was not there to trash the Clinton administration. He was there to argue the need for the first Republican-majority Congress in 40 years to develop a productive relationship in foreign affairs with the Democratic executive.

In particular Mr. Baker warned against efforts by Congress to try to micromanage foreign policy. Such attempts "were a bad idea when the Democrats were in control, and they remain a bad idea today."

"It is vital," Mr. Baker testified, "that

we speak to our enemies and to our allies alike in one voice." Certainly that should be the goal on those great issues where a perception of indecisiveness or confusion could invite calamitous misjudgment about American resolve. But certainly, too, no approach to foreign policy can or should seek to stifle full discussion or inhibit scrutiny of the executive's actions.

Clearly there are Republicans in Congress who would try to impose their approach to the world on some aspects of foreign policy. Mr. Baker's is a voice of experience warning against that effort. - Los Angeles Times.



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# Herald international Cribune. It's Time for America to End the War and Go to Vietnam

HANOI - In 1966, at the height of the Vietnam War, Senator George Aiken became famous for suggesting that America simply declare victory and bring its troops home. That victory was phony, but 29 years later Americans truly have one, if winning is measured by a Vietnam that is economically, politically and strategically pro-Western.

Despite that victory, Washington is reluctant to open full diplomatic relations with Hanoi and consolidate Vietnam's tentative move into America's orbit. It is time. It is time Americans started relating to Vietnam as a country, not a conflict. It is time to declare victory and go back to Vietnam to reap it. President George Bush should have

been the one to open relations. He knew it was the right thing to do, and he had the credibility with veterans' groups to do it. But he didn't. (fit wouldn't be prudent.) President Bill Clinton, despite his proolems with Vietnam vets, has inched closer to Hanoi, by lifting economic sanctions last year and agreeing to a low-level liaison office this year. For months the State Department bas been quietly recom-mending full normalization, but after the By Thomas L. Friedman

midterm Republican rout the White House said "Forget it." (It wouldn't be prudent.) That is America's loss.

Vietnam's 72 million industrious, literare people are building a market economy from the ground up. Because U.S. diplomats and businesses are not here in force as the foundation stones are laid and the legal system is reformed, this means that U.S. standards, regulations and laws are not being wired in. Australia already dominates the telephone system, British Petro-

leum has the oil sector. I was riding in a taxi here the other day and the driver was studying English from BBC tapes. For 30 minutes 1 had to listen to a repetition of: "f like football, 1 like Manchester United," the prominent British soccer team. When they think "foot-ball" here they don't think Dallas Cowboys, and when they think "telephones' they don't think AT&T.

Strategically, the big issue in Asia will be the containment of China, whose military might, and appetite, will grow as China grows. There is no more powerful counter-

weight to Beijing than Hanoi, whose tiny army bludgeoned China's in their 1979 border war. China is Vietnam's historical enemy. Most of Hanoi's boulevards are

named for heroes of the wars against China.
The biggest display in the Hanoi Army
Museum is not of Vietnam's victory over the United States in 1975 but of its victory over the Mongols from the north in 1288. A U.S. Vietnamese entente would get China's attention - and keep it.

As for personnel missing in action, every U.S. official dealing with this issue says Vietnamese cooperation has improved (not diminished, as opponents of relations predicted) since Washington lifted the economic embasses. The research is active to the economic embasses. ic embargo. The reason is not anything that the Hanoi government is doing, but because the Vietnamese people, villagers and veterans, are now coming forward with information about graves and bones that they were holding back as long as America was embargoing them economically.
U.S. officials say normal relations and

more Americans traveling here would only elicit more grass-roots cooperation, which is the only way the 1.621 remaining MIA cases will be resolved.

It is pathetic that a small, vindictive cult

of MIA activists in America - who broad. cast UFO sightings of war prisoners roaming the Victnamese countryside and de-mand that the United States withhold normalization to punish Hanoi for a war it. never should have fought — have intimi-dated Washington into a Vietnam policy that is bad for MIAs and bad for America.

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The Vietnamese, who have 300,000 MIAs of their own, have let the future bury the past. Deputy Foreign Minister Le Mai told me: "If we nursed all of our grudges with all the powers that we have fought against, we wouldn't have relations with anyone. The war divided your society, re-cognizing Vietnam would put this behind you. It would heal your own wounds.

He is right. It is time that we Americans, too, buried the past. Hue today is a cuisine, not a battle: Tet is a New Year's celebration, not an offensive; Haiphong is a har-bor, not something to be bombed at Christmas; and Highway I is where they run the Hanoi Marathon, not the military

artery of an enemy nation.

Bill Clinton did not start this war, and he did not fight this war, but with a little bit of courage he could finally end this war. The New York Times.

# Japan's Shock and the Cabinet's Response Concern the World

TOKYO - The devastating earthquake that rocked westem Japan on Tuesday presents fresh challenges to the beleaguered coalition government led by Prime Minister Tomiichi Murayama. How Japan's local and central authorities cope with relief and reconstruction is certain to have major consequences for

the political and economic future. The earthquake that damaged the port city of Kobe in the Kansai industrial region is the worst to hit Japan since 1948. Minute-by-minute television pictures of the fires and crumpled expressways recall to older Japanese the blitzed neighborhoods of 1945 as American bombers pulverized city after city in an attempt to persuade imperial Japan that surrender was inevitable.

The affluent Japan of 1995 has suddenly rediscovered the vulnerability of its environment and By Roger Buckley

learned the harsb lesson that power lines, water supplies and transportation facilities are not easily restored after the initial quake. Preliminary estimates of the time likely to be required to get the Kansai area back to normal extend up to many months.

A great deal of rethinking is

needed about construction standards for expressways and provision of emergency reservoirs to combat fires once the existing services have been crippled.

For the immediate future, the need is for Mr. Murayama's cabinet to be seen to be in charge. The public look instinctively to the government to take care of their welfare and will expect considerable assistance from municipal and central sources. It is vital that there be effective coordination between the host of government

agencies now involved and that Mr. Murayama's coalition cabinet quickly assert itself.

This is particularly urgent since the media are covering the disaster from the rubble at street level and by helicopter. Every move by the authorities will be minutely scrutinized by competing press and television channels.

For the moment, the rest of the world has virtually ceased to exist for Japanese as they dig out from the debris and ponder how they might best cope with any

such emergency in the future. What until Tuesday morning had appeared to be the pressing party political issue of how and wben Mr. Murayama's Socialist group might split into factions is no longer of any importance. What is vital now is that the familiar "It can't bappen here"

attitude be replaced by greater attention to safety measures. ft may well be that mammoth

improvements are called for to strengthen gas pipelines, elec-tricity and water supply, and rail and road structures throughout Japan. The relatively fortunate early morning timing of the quake prevented still higher casualties. A disaster at the peak of the rush hour involving bullet trains would have led to carnage if the elevated track had buckled

when trains were running. do anything about its geology could have very serious renerbut it has been given a salutary reminder of the sbortcomings of its cities and their services.

The Kobe earthquake should

the postwar "Catch up with the West" manner that has cheracterized much of the country's past urban construction. The higgledy-piggledy result of having factories, roads, oil tanks and houses mixed together is a recipe for trouble should name

strike again in similar fashion. The world has a stake in hoping that effective remedial action will emerge from this disaster. The next major earthquake might hit in the Tokyo region, the epicenter of Japan's capital markets and financial power. If The coming days will test the markets and financial power. If competence of the Murayama they were shut down or disrupt-cabinet to the hilt. Japan cannot ed for any length of time, it. cussions for the stability of the global economy.

The writer, who teaches history lead to a government-led debate at the International Christian Union urban planning. It would be versity of Tokyo, contributed this shortsighted to merely rebuild in comment to the Herald Tribune.

# NATO After Chechnya: The Case for Expansion Becomes Obvious

BONN - Ever since Christmas, we have heard and seen every night on the television screen that Grozny is about to fall - "any time." Any time is a very long time when it involves the relentless pounding of civilian populations with rockets,

bombs, grenades and sniper fire.
We have long known that "Russia is great and the czar far away." We have no image of Alexander II's punitive expedition of 1862 to quell one of the earlier Chechen uprisings. We now see the czar -and his deeds - on live television. Yet he seems to be even further removed from his near mutinous troops at home, or from the mothers of Russia suddenly seen by the world besieging with their tears the

czar's own palace. The horror we see today in key Russian marches of the Caucasus is being inflicted by what we all agree is and remains a great power. Say Grozny falls at last. To the fierce Chechens, this means no defeat. To Boris Yeltsin -- if he is still in control it means no victory. And to the West, what does it mean?

Not much, it would seem, judging from

By Otto Lambsdorff

the ineptness of so many official American declarations (going so far as to compare Grozny with Gettysburg!), and from the customary silence of most of us in Europe. What the West has been telling Russia

so far is: "This is your internal affair" full stop. The statement may be historically grounded; the full stop is today unacceptable. For it should be followed by a serious warning. Russia has labored in the last few years to gain the seat it deserves at the head

table of democratic powers. In the 20th century, resorting to such uncivilized behavior jeopardizes all these efforts. The best illustration of this is last week's wise decision by the Council of Europe until now the likeliest issuer of Russia's

much coveted passport to Europe - to reopen debate on Russia's candidacy. Europe's initiative should go further. At a time when the American administration sends such garbled signals to its NATO

partners about the future of their alliance,

perhaps we Europeans should go to Washington to remind our American friends of NATO's sterling record during the Cold War and so far during what President Yeltsin described last month in Budapest as the "Cold Peace."

This alliance, far from having lost its purpose with the demise of the Sovietthreat, remains the trans-Atlantic bridge which both America and Europe need in a riskier world. It is, in particular, the single organization which can help barness for better - democracy, the market economy - the gray zone of historic instability at the heart of our continent.

Our Russian friends know it. And so do we. Europeans, who have failed so far to satisfy the Central European countries' ever so legitimate yearning for a strong and secure anchor to where they belong. To all of us in NATO, Chechnya cannot

but be the passport for immediate entry of Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic into the alliance. Clearly, the West should stop granting Russia a de facto veto right on Europe's future security architecture. This enlargement must be conducted

positively. Which is to say, not as a threat to Russia (no forward deployment of NATO forces, as in the case of Eastern Germany) but as a bridge toward what a democratic Russia can only want; a stable Central European neighborhood.

Indeed, such an enlargement can only be construed by Russia's democrats as a signal that the West is no longer ready simply to bet everything on this or that czar (Mikhail Gorbachev yesterday, Boris Yeltsin today). And that it believes instead in the chances of a political and economic reform process which I — and so many of my Russian friends - now consider to be irreversible.

Surely, neither the West nor Russia will allow Chechnya to derail this unprecedented attempt to overcome, for a change, the agelong fears that have plagued our continent's history.

The writer, a member of the Bundestag and a former economics minister, is European chairman of the Trilateral Commission. He contributed this comment to the International Herald Tribune.

# In the World According to Hurd, Yeltsin Remains a Valuable Asset

WASHINGTON -- Don't go wobbly on Boris Yeltsin now. Don't muck up what may be the last chance for a repugnant but necessary settlement in Bos-nia. And don't get at cross-pur-poses with John Major on Northern Ireland, perhaps the British prime minister's only hope for political survival.

Douglas Hurd, Mr. Major's foreign secretary, was not this blunt or simplistic in his talks with administration and congressional leaders bere this week. Mr. Hurd is no Maggie Thatcher, the Iron Lady who admonished George Bush not to go wobbly when Sad-dam Hussein invaded Kuwait.

But, boiled down, these were the central messages that Mr. Hurd communicated with edge and purpose in his 24-hour visit -a trend-setting diplomatic mission to a Washington occupied

End of Illusions About Rapid Reform

T HERE is little doubt that the Yeltsin era in Russia's post-Communist history, and with it the ardent belief that Russia

would quickly embrace democracy and the market and join the

Events have come full circle since Boris Yeltsin's resounding victory

over the Communist diehards in August 1991. The unprovoked assault

on Grozny and its mixed Chechen-Russian population has been of great

ferocity. It has been accompanied by a flood of Kremlin propaganda

parochial, the next leader will almost certainly be even less congenial

militantly nationalistic. But the chances that Russia, at least in the

short term, could turn to a quasi-democratic, quasi-market political

order - a kind of oversized banana republic with nuclear arms - can

T HE USE of armed force seems a confession that Boris Yeltsin lacks alternative means of resolving ancient ethnic and nationalist

conflicts. Russia teems with them, although Chechnya's disaffection is

among the most virulent. President Yeltsin's answer to it seems only

A "senior" U.S. official has told The Washington Post that "for

Russia to continue developing as a multiethnic state. Chechnya had

better turn out to be the exception rather than the rule." That is

wishful thinking. Outsiders keep hoping to rediscover the real Yeltsin

as a democrat, but so far, even in the new Russia, willfulness seems

- Edwin M. Yoder Jr., commenting in The Washington Post.

mightier than any principle of civility, legality or order.

- Alex Alexiev. commenting in the Los Angeles Times.

With Russia turning inward and becoming more anti-Western and

This is not to say that the country will again become totalitarian or

and disinformation eerily reminiscent of past Soviet practice.

community of free nations, are coming to an end,

to political pluralism and genuine market reform.

no longer be dismissed as preposterous.

marginally less hrutal than Stalin's.

By Jim Hoagland

iorities in Congress It was never clear that Mr. Busb needed Mrs. Thatcher's spine-stiffening as much as her aides later claimed. But Mr. Hurd carried messages that Washington's newly hifurcated foreign policy establishment needed to hear and should now absorb. These are urgent topics on which Democrats and Republicans should speak if not with a single voice then with a joint purpose.

Other allied foreign ministers and rulers will follow Mr. Hurd to Washington in the weeks ahead to assess, and influence, Republican intentions and capabilities on foreign policy. In his talks on Capitol Hill, Mr. Hurd sought to expose the British vision of a disorderly and dangerous world

since Nov. 8 by Republican mato Republican legislators sad-

dled with new responsibilities and limited learning time. Mr. Hurd, foreign secretary since 1989, was not nearly as insufferable as Brits can be in playing the role Harold Macmillan originally proposed: weakened but worldly wise Athenians guiding the brash, more powerful Romans on the world stage. Instead he was crisp and direct.

He used a realpolitik argument in opposing Bob Dole's efforts to force the Clinton administration to stop observing the United Nations embargo on arms shipment to Bosnia. Once at bitter odds over Bosnia, the State Department and the Foreign Office now stand together in fending off Senainr Dole's attempt to take the high ground on Bosnia. The Anglo and American diplomats are warning their politicians that the embargo-lifting course will plunge the Bosnians into an all-out war

that they will quickly lose. Will Mr. Dole run that risk if the current shaky cease-fire does not hold? And is he prepared to support major American military action to rescue the Bosnian once the embargo is lifted? Mr. Hurd's questions should echo through the debate on Mr. Dole's proposed legislation to lift the

embargo this spring. The foreign secretary was also blunt on Northern Ireland, where peace talks with the Irish Republican Army toom. Americans should press the IRA to turn over its large hidden quantities of Semtex, a particularly lethal explosive given to the guerrilla organization by Lihya's Moammar Gadhafi. This could help Mr. Major's government -riding at a (f) percent approval rating in public opinion polls — to pull an irish peace rabbit out of the hat.

But it was on President Yeltsin that Mr. Hurd's message was perhaps most compelling and pblegmatic, at a moment when Washington has begun to show an

uncharacteristic wobbliness because of Mr. Yeltsin's botched offensive in Chechnya. An early and ardent supporter of the Russian president, the British diplomat believes that the West must continue united and public support for him as the embodiment of democratic

reform, come what may. Administration officials heard the foreign secretary suggest that they should tone down public criticism of Russian actions in Chechnya while making it clear in private to Moscow that the brutal military campaign has to be end-

ed quickly — and effectively.

That is a different emphasis from what Washington is bearing from Bonn, where Chancellor Helmut Kohl bows to public opinion by distancing himself from Mr. Yeltsin on Chechnya, and from Paris, which has never been enthusiastic about Mr. Yeltsin and would not mourn if he were brought down by this crisis.

Two straws in the wind suggest that Bill Clinton or his aides need spine-stiffening on Russia now. As Mr. Hurd arrived in Washington, Clinton spokesmen were denying Russian reports that Mr. Clinton would go to Moscow in. May to meet Mr. Yeltsin, This followed Mr. Clinton's failure to find an hour for a bilateral session with Mr. Yeltsin during the European security summit in Budapest on Dec. 6. These are small public slights that gain Mr. Clinton nothing politically but which

the Russians will not forget.
The implicit subtext of Mr. Hurd's visit was a familiar but particularly apt one for a politi-cally divided Washington establishment sorting out its foreign policy priorities: Clear and consis tent American leadership is vital to. allied unity and success of the Russian revolution. That is one thing that Nov. 8 did not change.

The Washington Post.

### IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1895: Grotesque Plan

PARIS - From the country of big things comes a grotesque scheme for a building to be erect-ed in New York. The foundations will be dug very deep; iron inter-spersed with aluminum, glass and stone for pictorial effect, will be used in the construction of the building. There will be 50 floors. It all reads like Jules Verne!

1920: Navy Investigated

WASHINGTON - "Don't let the British pull wool over your eves. It is none of our business pulling their chestnuts out of the fire. We would as soon light the These British as the Germans." were the instructions Rear-Admiral W. S. Sims told the Senate Sub-Committee, on Saturday [Jan. 17], he received on the eve of sailing for England to take charge of U.S. operations in Eu-

ropean waters during the war. Admiral Sims declined to reveal whn had sent the instructions. The members of the committee were dumbfounded by the statement, which has precipitated a thorough investigation by Con-gress of the conduct of the Navy during the war.

1945: Cigarettes Abroad

PARIS -- [The Herald says in an editorial: Any American tronbled by the cigarette shortage need do nothing more than go to Chungking, the temporary capital of China. On sale there are over 150 brands, some of which are imitations of American cigarettes. He may be troubled, however, by high prices and low quality. Some months ago Lao Sheh, a distinguished Chinese novelist. had to give up smoking because, at \$8,400 a month, he decided, "the habit cost too much."

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# To Pull Algeria From the Brink

ers and senior members of Algeria's Opposition parties signed an unprecedented declaration in Rome urging the mili-tary-backed government to hold free elections. Of the seven parties at the talks, three alone, the Front for Socialist Forces, had comfortable about the strong polled 78 percent of the popular vote in the elections of December 1991, which were later sus-pended by the country's military rulers. The claim of those present in Rome to be legitimate representatives of the Algerian

people is a powerful one. the platform of the Rome group. denouncing what it called "outside interference."

principles in Algeria offers the bath on the tarmac in Algiers.) only hope of bringing about a modicum of political and social er, expects a quick end to Algepeace and avoiding full-scale ria's bloody troubles, as con-civil war. The strife since the flicts that bave long torn the elections were canceled in Janu- Algerian body politic come to ary 1992 has claimed 30,000 to the surface. Many senior offi-40,000 lives and inflicted billions cers and FIS leaders still share a of dollars of damage. The country's economy, which derives 96 deep contempt for den and free-thinking men. percent of its foreign income from the sale of hydrocarbons, would be crippled were terrorists

to target oil and gas facilities.
The lesson to be drawn from the bloody events in Algeria is not that democracy creates more problems than it solves, but that there is nothing worse than starting a democratic process and then abruptly canceling it. The fateful decision by Algeria's generals three years ago was compounded by France's decision to support it and the de facto acquiescence of the major Western powers.

The Rome declaration commits its signatories to renounce ali terrorist acts and work toward new multiparty elections. The Islamic Salvation Front, or FIS, accepted the principle that political parties could alternate in power, the first time it has conceded this key principle.

The list of preconditions the Algerian generals would have to accept before sitting down to negotiations is long. There are,

nonetheless, reasons for bope. The first is that the recent hijacking of an Air France Airbus by the bard-line Islamic Armed Group, or GIA, did oot deter the Rome meeting but rather spurred it. And the GIA has, for the first time, signaled its willingness to contemplate a negotiated end to the civil war.

Another reason for bope comes from the presence in Rome of Abdelhamid Mehri. the secretary-general of the Na-tional Liberation Front who, two weeks ago, was able to meet the two paramount FIS leaders, Abassi Madani and Ali Benhadi, both of them under bouse arrest in Algiers.

made those contacts without the support of senior army officers who know that Algeria is staring catastrophe in the face. All of this points to the fact

that a powerful group in the army — one that does not in-clude the head of state, General Liamine Zeroual — is in earnest as it searches for a compromise. Mr. Mehri came to Rome with a letter from the two FIS leaders that endorsed the principles agreed by all parties to the talks. The FIS was repreBy Francis Ghilès

sented in Rome by Anouar Hadda, a party heavyweight. Hope also rests on the discreet but effective support for les at the talks, three alone, the Islamic Salvation Front, the National Liberation Front and the United States. All three backing that the French government, and particularly Inte-

rior Minister Charles Pasqua, has given the Algerian regime. Since the hijacking, France's position has shifted noticeably toward the more moderate posi-tion supported by Foreign Min-The government in Algiers on Wednesday forcefully rejected the talks "with interest." (Prime Minister Edouard Balladur's Yet, a return to democratic the hijacking ended in a blood-

deep contempt for democracy

Since independence in 1962, Algerian leaders have tried to thwart the emergence of a strong middle class and of centrist parties, vital if ever a workable compromise is to be thrashed out.

Political figures who command respect and could play an important role in such a compromise include Mr. Mehri; Mouloud Hamrouche, who, as prime minister from 1989 to 1991, launched bold economic and political reforms, and Hocine Ait Ahmad, veteran leader of the Front for Socialist Forces. These politicians could work with the more moderate members of the Islamic movement.

Western countries cannot rebuild Algeria — that is a task for the Algerians. But they do have available far greater means of pressure than they have been willing to use.

They could, to begin with, ask Michel Camdessus, director-general of the International Monetary Fund, for some candid answers. He bas led efforts to arrange from France and its Western allies billions of dollars of fresb international aid and debt relief to Algeria. But how well has the country really done in implementing the pro-gram of economic reform it signed, together with a \$1 bil-

lion back-up loan, last spring? True, the budget deficit has True, the budget deficit has been cut, the currency devalued and many prices freed. But has foreign minister during which the afternoon. I find that failure foreign trade really been liberalized? And what makes this linkage between my arrival and during the day has caused a near reform program "a model for the helicopter downing. the rest of the developing world," as Mr. Camdessus told

an IMF meeting in Madrid? A fresh package of aid next ing so little progress has been State Department. After calm-spring should signal the restruc- made that I am about to return ing Washington's nerves we re-Mr. Mehri could not have turing of many moncy-losing nade those contacts without state enterprises. How can such a task be undertaken by a regime that cannot command a minimum of political consensus? my honor where children are to from what be says were all-How reach of the money freed sing and dance. In disbelief, I night discussions with the by aid and debt relief is being used to buy weapons? Such questions demand answers.

announce that it would be inappropriate to attend the event, particularly when a U.S. ser-

Western officials should ensure that foreign trade transactions, the source of gross cormade more transparent.

ruption for three decades, be Europe, the United States

and assistance only when they are satisfied that Algerian rulers are engaged in serious negotiations with the political parties. The long-suffering Algerian people deserve as much.

Whoever governs Algeria in the years ahead will need generous support to rehuild a shattered economy. Ensuring a two-way flow of trade and people with Europe is a vital precondition if Algeria is to prosper economically and politically and keep its doors open to the West.

The writer, an adviser on North African affairs to banks ond industry and a consultant to the Institut Français des Rela-tions Internationales in Paris, contributed this comment to the International Herald Tribune.

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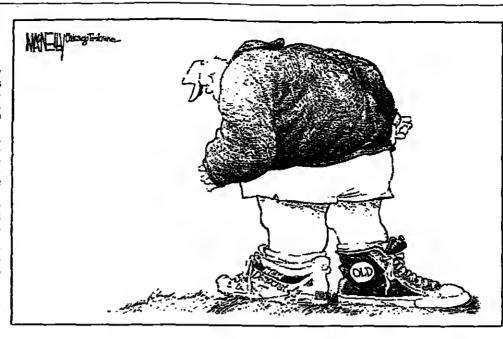
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# 'Dear Leader,' Unseen, Seemed to Pull the Strings Dec. 18, Prongrang: Sensing a split between the Foreign Ministry and the North Korean

By Bill Richardson

The writer, a Democrat from New Mexico, is a number of the House the Foreign Ministry and the Intelligence Committee. This is the second of two articles.

believe the issue has to be raised tions at the theater, that I wi as a higher level. I make repeattions at the theater, that I will be arranged for an exchange: If I sked to leave the country. leave Pyongyang in the morn-At night, Deputy Foreign ing, I will escort David Hile-Minister Song comes to the mon's remains across the De-guest house to assure me that if I left in the morning as sched-will be released "very soon." guest house to assure me that, if I left in the morning as sched-uled, I would be kept informed through North Korea's UN office. With little information, stressing that Christmas is imless sleep and no resolution in sight. I make clear that I cannot leave until the two Americans are released. Mr. Song's parting shot is that I should be prepared to stay for

two weeks. He storms off. I check with Mr. Christopher and Defense Secretary Bill Perry that evening, and our collective spirits are down. All I have is confirmation that Chief War-rant Officer David Hilemon is rant Officer David Hilemon is dead and that Chief Warrant officer Bohhy Hall is undid not return by Christmas, I harmed and in captivity.

Dec. 19: After the acrimony engendered during Sanday's To me, it was clear that the meetings it is clear that the Korean People's Army was North Koreans are not interest- again putting up roadblocks. North Koreans are not interested in beginning a new round of meetings with us. Today, I think a brief cooling-off period will permit both sides to regroup.

Our delegation goes to Pyongyang for the morning. touring the historic sites of the tions of why I am unable to see the "Dear Leader," Kim Jong II. Many believe be is incapacitated with a serious liver ailment and is in no condition to bristles when I refuse his re-receive visitors. bristles when I refuse his re-quest to lay a flower at kim fl

to check in with Mr. Christopher panic in Washington. The Ger He suggests that dark forces man and Indonesian embassies in South Korea planned the in- in Pyongyang are trying to find cident. By the end of the meet- me to put me in touch with the to the guest bouse to talk to Mr.

Christopher. Instead the North ing with the only person who will

Koreans drive us to a previously scheduled cultural event in
He arrives late, looking worn ly scheduled cultural event in Korean People's Army. Mr. Song appears to be seeking a particularly when a U.S. ser-viceman is dead and another resolution. I sense that he is being pragmatic. My every attempt to get access to Mr. Hall is rebuffed; Mr. Song cites I return to the car with the vice foreign minister who is disrules that prohibit civilians on gruntled and offended over my military bases.

Dec. 20-Dec. 21: Mr. Song and Japan should offer help because of secretive conversa- finally plays his band. He has military leadership felt shut out United States and were trying

to get even.
There are moderates in the North Korean civilian leadership who seem genuinely to want better ties with the United States and to preserve the nuclear agreement. In fact, the North is I push Mr. Song hard on the living up to the terms of the deal, definition of "very soon," complying with its deadlines and complying with its deadlines and inspection requirements.

portant for Americans and that It is difficult to draw solid Mr. Hall's return by the 24th conclusions about Kim Jong II. would be a suitable outcome. As long as he remains invisible, Mr. Hall's return by the 24th power vacuums will continue to The deputy foreign minister apdevelop and more reactionary pears to understand and sugforces, like the armed forces. will gain the upper hand. Still, I believe that the helicopever, he makes no commitment.

Dec. 22: At Panmunjom, our Foreign Ministry escorts are ter issue did reach the ears of the giddy at the outcome of our "Dear Leader" and that he ultinegotiations. We all agree that mately made the decision to release Mr. Hall. He did respond to a personal note from me urging the release of Mr. Hall and of Mr. Hilemon's remains with a sensed alarms going off in both Washington and Pyongvang. card and a gift of pottery.

There remains, to be sure, Cold War suspicion of the United States that causes misunderstandings and will lead to future friction. But I was encouraged by how little anti-American sentiment I found in an military today is a strong but those we encountered, partial undefined force in the North larly average North Koreans.

It is certainly in the U.S. in-

Korean political power equa-tion and society. Certainly the Foreign Ministry had little interest to improve ties with the North as long as America's fluence over the outcome of the strong security relationship belicopter incident. Every diswith South Korea is preserved. cussion and point had to be The seeds for a better relation-cleared by the military.

The Washington Post.

# A Kiss for an Old Elm And Its Durable City

By Amy Hollowell

PARIS — Yesterday, on my guide books, history and bot-way to the office, I stopped any books, encyclopedia and al-

to kiss a tree.
It was midafternoon, in the heart of the city, but if any of the passers-by with whom I shared that singular moment took note of my act, not a one made the fact known to me.

Perhaps, to them, the tree and I were not separate from the ordinary gray texture of the day. Or perhaps, like me when late one night some months earlier I had come upon a man kissing that tree, they were not surprised because they knew that Paris does that to people: They take the city to heart and lose their heads.

My own stupor was nonetheafter the first sighting I again witnessed such a scene. This time, as I passed in a cab on a rain-soaked and chilly night, a man and a woman reached

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embrace not one another, but as promised.
the tree rising elegantly between. What she bad to say, howev-

road; mine, predictably, shot back to the lovers. Although neither they nor the tree had moved, the instant had, leaving me with a sense of wonder.

My interest had been irreversibly piqued: What was it with this tree?

Someone had told me once Maybe class once covered Paris; now, however, the wide bou- in my head. levards sweep grandly under the arching limbs of chestnut and plane trees. Yet bere was this elm. I took

to watching it, and my questions pressed; Why was it there, encircled gracefully by a thin chain and stout pillars, on a little island of its own on the place St. Gervais, in the Marais, near the Scine? Why did people kiss it? Why did I care?

al, were books - travel and

any books, encyclopedia and al-manacs. What I found was knowledge thick and exhaus-

live, but no answers.
So t asked around. Anyone who would listen got an earful, but no one could offer as much in return. The rest of the story remained a mystery.

I took my quest to city hall. Surely within the grandiose Hô-tel de Ville, that behemoth of French democracy, there was someone who knew the story of the looe elm.

Armed with nothing hut a desire to know, I picked up the phone. After the customary holding pattern, I was informed that an answer could be providless grand when several weeks ed a week from Thursday. My sense of urgency apparently

was not shared.

Next, I tried the municipal park authority, where I was routed to a woman named Noëlle. I'm not sure what was more astounding: that she knew of the tree or that, after around opposite sides of the checking some details, she trunk, their arms stretching to called me back within the bour,

Quickly, I turned from the window to the rear-view mirror, was not astounding. This was not the last remaining elm boping to see reflected there a in Paris, nor was it the oldest, look of complicity on the cabbie's face. If he bad seen what I the Parc Montsouris. But my had seen, he gave no sign of it, elm, as she called it, was the His eyes, reliably, were on the oldest of the elms planted by landscape designers in the late

19th century.

Noëlle could not explain the chain around the tree, nor was she aware of the kissing phenomenon. She knew only the facts, which, of course, were not at all what I wanted.

Someone had told me once What, then, did I want? It that it was the city's only re- was only months later, after the maining elm, the others having been ravaged by the disease had turned gold and then fallen, that had devastated the species. after winter had settled in, that I knew. But the answer was not

I found it yesterday on my way to work. As I rounded the corner of the church on the square, the elm came into view. It was just a tree. I stepped over the chain and touched the ridged bark. It was just a tree,

Then as I leaned forward and kissed the elm, I knew that the answer was in the act. It was just a tree, and, as with the city, I took it to heart My first consultants, as usu- and lost my head.

International Herald Tribune.

# VIEWPOINT

Commerzbank's focus on German and European economic issues

ernment consumption on the one hand, and business investment and exports on the other, will widen. Indeed, by end-1995, private and government consumption, which together account for three-quarters of GDP, abould be only a real 21/2% higher than at the bottom of the recession in early 1993, but capital spending and exports will probably have risen by 11%. The demand of

point lower than its 1985-1989 average

remain unchanged in the new year. The gap between private and gov-

MODERATE PAY SETTLEMENTS are vital for sustained growth. We

expect hourly wage rates in the private sector to go up by 3% at most:

this would be compatible with a

private households will be damp-

marked unturn in business invest-LAST BUT NOT LEAST, it is feared

that the strong monetary expansion up to mid-1994 might fuel inflation in 1995, prompting the Bundesbank

**Outlook for western Germany\*** at constant prices; percentage change on year

1994 <sup>J1</sup>	1995	
1.2	0.5 (1.0)	
0.0	0.5 (1.0)	
- 3.0	6.0 (6.5)	
3.5	2.0 (5.0)	
1.8	1.5 (2.0)	
7.1	6.0 (7.5)	
6.5	4.5 (5.0)	
2.3	2.5 (3.0)	
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THE KEY FEATURES of the recovery lower in 1994 than in 1990 and I

4) figures in parentheses include western and eastern Germany, 14 January - September

ened by moderate pay increases, to raise its key lending rates. But

# German economy in 1995: no signs of overheating

has raised fears that overheating associated with inflationary pressures and monetary tightening might follow later in 1995. But these fears are hardly supported by the facts. Low waga settlements and a significant further rise in the tax burden will keep a lid on domestic demand. An increase of 21/2% in western Germany's real GDP, and 3% for Germany as a whole, will be almost in line with the potential output growth.

Western Germany's unexpectedly strong upswing in 1994

weak? It is certainly strong compered with expectations at the start of 1994, when growth of under 1% was being forecast. Yet it is rather weak if potential output is used as the yardstick, given the sharp fall in capacity utilization. THE DATA for GDP and manufac-

turing output also diverge. While GDP was almost 1% higher by end-1994 than it was early in 1992, before the downturn began, manufacturing output is atill 5% lower. Such disparities have left not only the public but also the financial marketa puzzled. They have prompted questions about the future course of monetary policy as well. What does 1995 hold in store?

and social-security contributions. Government consumption will be IS THE CURRENT upswing strong or curbed by fiscal consolidation efforts. THE SHARP RISE in long-term interest rates will slow residential con-

atruction in 1995. By contrast, business investment will hardly be affected as profits will stage a strong recovery, albeit from a very low level. In the economies of Germany's major Western European trading partners, the upswing is gathering momentum and capital spending is rising - to the benefit of German

rather weak employmant growth

DEVELOPMENTS in three areas could change the ontlook, though. For one thing, private households might once again eave less in 1995. However, the savings ratio was already a good 2 percentage points

and substantially bigber taxes cannot be reliably estimated due to the various factors involved - German unification, EMS crises, and the withholding tax. What is more, wage and fiscal restraint, as well as tougher international competition, should all prevent a resurgence of inflation in 1995.

the size of the monetary overbang

DOMESTIC DEMAND in Germany is growing at such a modest pace that it will neither cause the economy to overheat in the near future, which would threaten price atability, nor will it make much of a dent in unem-

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### the second phase of an unfin-ished cultural decolonization

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Bosnia: What He Said

Regarding "From Bosnia to Chechnya, Violence in Peace's Name" (Opinion, Jan. 17) by Frederick Bonnart: This article mischaracterizes

my views. To prevent others from using me as a strawman for their own arguments, let me for their own arguments, let me stress that I explicitly addressed only what U.S. strategy should be in the event of a contested evacuation of NATO-member forces from ex-Yugoslavia that was opposed by the Serbs. Attacks on American forces in that context should be met with overwhelming force, including the prospect of flattening Belgrade, if that is what it would take to halt such attacks and let the evacuation proceed.

If Mr. Bonnart thinks U.S. soldiers do not merit that kind of protection in that situation, let him say so. We would then have a clear disagreement. I did not suggest flattening Belgrade as a way to deal with "Serbian resistance to international decisions aimed at ending the war. That's a big twist on what I actually wrote. IIM HOAGLAND.

### Algeria's Struggle

It is morally unacceptable to crusade against a "supposedly" fanatic Islamic movement in Algeria. Colonized for 130 years, denied the fundamental right to learn their language, to study their cultural heritage and their history, the Algerian people have the right to decide which path they think is better

for them to follow. The war in Algeria is not a struggle between an "enlightened" Westernized elite and ened" Westernized elite and ened" available. It is "obscurantist" available. It is pan's success, in the Japanese The war in Algeria is not a

that will end French influence. ABDELGHANI KADDOURI. Issy-les-Moulineaux, France.

Regarding "With Its Western Alliance at Stake, Germany Becomes Responsible" (Opinion, Dec. 22) by Josef Joffe: The war in Algeria did not destroy France's Third Repub-

lic but its Fourth. BERNARD SINSHEIMER. Boulogne, France.

### Democracy Means Peace

Regarding "Russio's Behavior, Not Yelisin's Survival, Is the Main Concern" (Opinion, Jan. 13) by William Pfaff:

The connection between democracies and peace is not, as Mr. Pfaff suggests, "so much cant." Actually, it is so much Kant. Kant predicted that liberal democracies would not go to war with one another but instead form a gradually expand-ing union of peace. His predic-tion was empirically verified in 1983 by Michael Doyle, who demonstrated that no two liberal democracies had ever taken up arms against each other.
This discovery is a major one.
In the world of political science,
the proposition that liberal democracies do not fight each other is as close to an empirical truth as we are likely to get.

### NICHOLAS BEIM. Oxford, England. Attend to the Buyer

Regarding "Ignore Japan Fa-tigue and Keep Opening the Jap-anese Market" (Opinion, Jan. 12) by Thomas L. Friedman:

ied their preferences and gave them the products they desired. Hopefully American car manufacturers have learned

refusal. I am convinced, now.

their lesson. CHARLES H. MIXON. London.

Down to the Sea in ...

Regarding "Autissier's Rescue; Who Pays?" (Sports, Jan. 5): Australian taxpayers, who have to foot the bill for Isabelle Autissier's rescue, should know that they are paying to belp a category of "sailors" whose ships are built for speed, not seawor-thiness, and who — when sailing single-handed - ignore rule five of the international regulations: "Every vessel shall at all times

maintain a proper lookout."

If owners and sponsors were billed for rescue operations, then there would be few sponsors and few participants. At this moment, a Frenchman floats in the Atlantic, pretending to swim. Another plans to cross the Atlantic on the trampoline of a small catamaran. Taxpayers'

money will be spent to bring them back. Locking them up would save a bundle. MANFRED LAUFER.

Arzon, France.

Help Art, Conservatively Regarding "The Arts Are Under Anack" (Opinion, Dec. 14): As a conservative, I have never thought that America's artistic diversity depended on any-thing approaching the scale of a Culture Ministry. But 1 am also

and world auto markets, has disappointed at the eagerness, not been Japanese protection- and pettiness, with which some ism. The main reason is that the would take an ax to the very Japanese automakers sent staff modest National Endowment for all over the world who were the Arts. I'm reminded of Hem-fluent in the language of pro-spective customers. They stud-Hills of Africa"), that "a thousand years makes economics silly and a work of art endures forever, but it is very difficult to do and now it is not fashionable." Congressional Republicans ought to remember that the very

nonpolitical NEA is in America's best tradition of supporting liberty and the freedom of ex-pression, and that promoting the arts enriches society and the community -certainly a worthwhile conservative endeavor. DAVID LINDSAY BARCH

### Let Them Log On

Regarding "Newt's Notion: Laptops for All" (Jan. 7): The new speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, Newt Gingrich, has transformed Marie-Antoinette's historic "Let them eat cake" into the technologically smart, late-20th century, "Let them have laptops." As we all know, Marie-Antoinette lost her head for her phrase, and for the insensitivity it represented. Perhaps Mr. Gingrich should keep

that in mind. LARRY LIPPA. International presen

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Journal Lets the Experts Decide

By Natalie Angier
New York Times Service

EW YORK - Whenever a lot of very good scieotists spend years searching single-mindedly for a high-profile disease gene, they invariably begin fishing out all sorts of candidate genes that look, smell and wiggle like the real thing, but then prove to be frustrating red herrings. In the course of seeking the genes that contribute to bereditary colon cancer and breast cancer, for example, researchers published reports of discoveries that in short order were shown to be the wrong genes.

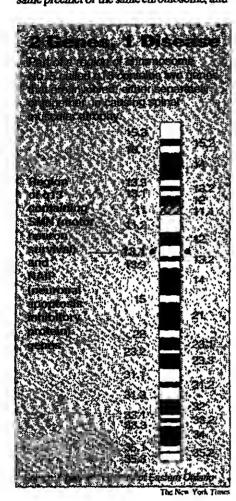
Usually the source of the confusion is not hard to sort out: In the case of the mistaken breast cancer gene, biologists determined that what appeared to be a guilty mutadon in the candidate gene was in fact a so-called polymorphism, a harmless vari-ation in the chemical makeup of some

people's DNA.

Now, however, in a case that scientists say may be the first of its kind, two independent groups of biologists have reported discovering the cause of spinal muscular atrophy, a common inherited neurodegen-crative disease, and they present as exhib-

its A and B two entirely different genes.

The genes sit shoulder to shoulder in the same precinct of the same chromosome, and



By Jane E. Brody

EW YORK - Evidence contin-

ues to mount that many of the foods people eat may either pro-

tect against cancer or promote its

New York Times Service

growth. In the oewest report, published Wednesday in The Journal of the National

Cancer Institute, a survey in Greece of 820

women with breast cancer and 1,548 wom-

en who were free of cancer revealed that

eating lots of vegetables and fruits and

consuming olive oil seems to lower the risk

The study found that women who ate the most vegetables had a 48 percent lower

cancer risk than those who are the fewest,

and those who are the most fruits had a 32

percent reduccion in breast cancer risk

compared with those who are the fewest.

Breast cancer risk was also 25 percent

of developing breast cancer.

each team presents substantial evidence for why its gene is the right one, but the nature of the disease and its inheritance patterns suggest that only one of the two is likely to be the fundamental cause of the illness.

Rather than making choices or trying to resolve the extraordinary conundrum, the editor of the journal Cell opted to publish both reports simultaneously and let the experts decide. The studies appear in the current issue.

"It's unprecedented to have both papers ont there" at the same time, said Dr. Alex MacKenzie of the University of Ottawa in Ontario, a senior member of one of the two teams. "I guess this is opening us up to ridicule or confirmation, but it certainly is generating a lot of interest."

For families suffering from a high incidence of the disorder, who are desperate for new methods of treating the incurable syndrome, the twin publications offer little immediate solace. Not only must researchers determine what exactly is going on with the two genes and their respective involvement in spinal muscular atrophy, but even if one of the genes emerges as a clear winner, its discovery is only a modest first step in understanding and eventually

thwarting the degenerative illness.

Nevertheless, Dr. T. Conrad Gilliam of Columbia University's College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York, who has been seeking the spinal muscular atropby gene for about 10 years said. "This is a gene for about 10 years, said: "This is a real breakthrough. The complexity of the situation means everything has to be qualified, but it's still a major step forward."

Dr. Gilliam and others familiar with the two papers believe that the gene reported by a team in France is probably the one responsible for the disorder, while that described by the Ottawa group could be a contributing factor that if mutated, makes the disease much worse.

PINAL muscular atrophy is the commonest genetic cause of death in infancy, afflicting about one in 6,000 habies born worldwide. From one in 60 to one in 80 people are silent carriers of the disease gene, and if two carrier parents both bestow the mutant copy of the gene on their offspring, the baby will be born with the wasting disease. in the course of the disorder, a popula-

tion of cerve cells in the spinal cord that control muscles are selectively destroyed, resulting in muscle atrophy, weakness and paralysis. Those with the worst form of the illness, called type 1, usually die before the age of 4 from a failure of the respiratory muscles, while those with the milder type 2 or type 3 may live into adolescence or even into old age, though some end up in wheelchairs or wearing leg braces.

Scientists scrutinized the genetic materi-

al of families with many afflicted members, seeking DNA patterns associated with the disorder that would point them toward the gene itself. That approach led Dr. Judith Melki of the Necker Institute at the Hospital for Sick Children in Paris and 15 co-workers to isolate a gene they call the ork Times survival motor neuron gene, or SMN.

lower among those who consumed olive oil

more than once a day, the Greek study

showed. But the apparent protective effect

of olive oil was mainly found among wom-

en past menopause, while the protection

attributed to vegetables and fruits was

American and Canadian women and pub-

lished last September, ovarian cancer was

linked to a diet high in saturated fats and

low in vegetables. Every 10 grams of vege-

table fiber added to a woman's daily diet

reduced her risk of ovarian cancer by 37

percent, researchers at the University of

Toronto found. But every 10 grams of saturated fat raised her risk by 20 percent.

American diet, averaging 30 grams a day, come from animal products like meat, poultry and cheese. Olive oil is a mono-

unsaturated fat that has also been promoted

recently as a heart-healthy oil that is prefer-

Most of the saturated fats in the North

In previous studies conducted among

found in women of all ages.



The gene is small and is not related to any other gene that scientists have identito date, which means that the researchers have no clue as to how it works in the body or how in its motant form it may cause spinal muscular atrophy. But in support of their claim that the gene is the right quarry, the French researchers offer very

impressive numbers. Screening the DNA of 229 patients with the neurodegenerative disease, the scientists found that the newly identified gene was either partly or wholly deleted in 226 of them, suggesting that the lack of the instead are pooling their findings.

gene leads to the death of the spinal neurons. And in the other three patients, the researchers detected evidence of a pinpoint

motation within the SMN gene.
On their side, Dr. MacKenzie and 20 colleagues have isolated a gene that makes medical sense as a potential cause of spinal muscular atrophy. Their gene is quite similar to another known gene that prevents cells from committing suicide, an innate cellular process called apoptosis.

The two teams have set aside their zest for competition, their fear of ridicule, and

### IN BRIEF

**Global Tuberculosis Crisis** is Continuing Unabated

CHICAGO (AP) - Almost two years after tuberculosis was declared a global crisis, little has been dooe to turn the tide against it, researchers warn.

Tuberculosis will strike 90 million people this decade and will kill 30 million if worldwide efforts against it don't improve. they predict, drawing from previous World Health Organization figures. "The magnitude of the global tuberculosis problem is enormous," they said in The Journal of the American Medical Association.

Ninety-five percent of cases are in developing countries. The disease is gaining fastest in the Western Pacific and Southeast Asia, where two-thirds of infected

able to other vegetable oils and margarine.

in Mediterranean countries than in the

ologist at Harvard University who was a co-

author of the Greek study, said in an inter-

view that "American women might actually

experience as much as a 50 percent reduc-

tion in breast cancer risk if they consumed

He explained that the Greek women

who consumed the least olive oil were still

taking in much more than even the highest

consumers of olive oil io the United States.

University of Athens Medical School and

the Harvard School of Public Health in

women typically deriving 42 percent of their calories from fat. Most of the fat

Total fat intake is high in Greece, with

The study was conducted by researchers

the Athens School of Public Health, the

more olive oil" in place of other fats.

United States.

Breast cancer rates are 50 percent lower

Dr. Dimitrios Trichopoulos, an epidemi-

Mario C. Raviglione of the World Health Organizacion in Geoeva.

Scientists Ask: How Doth The Little Crocodile?

LONDON (Reuters) - British and Japanese scientists reported in the journal Nature that they had found the quirk of nature that lets crocodiles lurk underwater for hours and said this could someday be

bred into bumans.

Alligators, crocodiles and related rep-tiles have unique hemoglobin—the molecule io red blood cells that carries oxygen
— which lets them stay uoderwater without breathing for long periods of time. It is different from the method used by whales.

American women, oo the other hand,

are now deriving about 35 percent of their

calories from fat, but relatively little of

Most of the monounsaturated fats in the

American diet come, not from vegetable

oils, but from meat, which are also high in

saturated fat. Consumption of olive oil in

the United States, where it is used primari-

ly in bomemade salad dressings, is much

In a report last year, a Spanish study of

diet and breast cancer that was similar in

design to the Greek study also found a

An ftalian study done five years earlier found no association between olive oil and

the risk of breast cancer, but it did find a

strong link between the amount of saturat-

ed fat the womeo ate and their chances of

suggestive protective effect of olive oil.

that fat is monounsaturated.

lower than in Greece.

# Found Above Clouds

New York Times Service

been studying lightning ever since Benjamin Franklin demonstrated its electrical nature two centuries ago, and have generally felt that its nuances were understood. The bolts were white bot, hitting temperatures of 50,000 degrees Fahrenheit and strengths of several hundred million volts. Though dazzling to the eye, lightning as a scientific topic bad become

rather passé. But it turns out that science missed the most bizarre and interesting bolts of all, which materialize above thunderheads and shoot upward, oot downward, flickering across great distances. Such won-ders were hidden from view until recently, when ground observers, aircraft and spacecraft managed to glimpse their

Hundreds of flashes, some pink or blood red, others dark blue, have now been photographed above electrical storms, the red ones soaring as high as 60 miles (100 kilometers) above the Earth. their wispy tendrils playing along the fringes of outer space, their lower parts turning bluish or purple before disap-

Remarkably, this intriguing new class of lightning is visible to the naked eye if you know where to look.

The flashes appear to produce strange emanations that are just starting to he measured and are far from being uoderstood. Orbiting satellites have detected garama-ray bursts of extraordinary intensity coming from thunderheads, and the red flashes have been linked to powerful bursts of radio waves.

Scientists are now racing around the globe to study the phenomeoon and its implications. The high-altitude flashes, they say, might affect the ozooe layer in unknown ways and present unforeseen dangers to spy planes arcing unusually high or space shuttles streaking toward

Earth for a landing.

Most important, the flashes promise to reveal fundamental truths about the workings of the Earth's global electrical circuit and a region of the high atmosphere once thought of as generally unin-

Building Aid From Bottom Up week. Io fact, Finland offered to increase its voluntary contributions.

Nevertheless, in response to the criticism Dr. Nakajima asked the board this week to come up with a clearer statement on the organization's mission in the 21st centry.

Dr. John Martin, deputy director of the new division, said, "We are not trying to

pretend that WHO has not got proble which it has, but we are totally sick of people ignoring the solutions which are being attempted."

The division had a first-year budget of only about \$15 million, tiny in comparison with the overall WHO budget of \$1.8 billion for 1994-95. But Dr. Martin said even such a small budget can have a huge multiplier effect by achieving more effective use of billions of dollars in existing bilateral aid. Much of the aid goes to waste because developing countries often lack the capacity to absorb it and coordinate its use.

It is not that the least-developed countries do not need the aid. They need more." Dr. Martin said. "But donors are pressurized by public opinion, which wants to see quick results. They, therefore, tend to come up with aid that is directed toward particularly diseases, or maternal and child health. And they make the assumption that the developing countries have got an infrastructure - doctors, nurses, equipment and vehicles - all set to absorb and make the best use of the money. In fact, in Africa doctors are fleeing their own countries because they can't even get paid."

T the same time, the donor countries demand an exact accounting for every cent they spend, Dr. Martin added, placing intolerable burdens on the small number of trained administrators in developing coun-

The aim of the oew division, Dr. Martin said, is not only to help developing countries use aid money effectively, but to get dooors to put some of their aid into "Teasible strategies to make things happen and keep them happening."

The new program does not mean that WHO is stepping away from more visible and oewsworthy areas, such as the eradication of smallpox and high-profile diseases such as AIDS. But for the first time, the organization is bringing the full weight of its central, regional and local structure to bear on specific local issues. This reflects the growing realization that

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the yawning gap between have and haveoot nations is jeopardizing WHO's ambition to achieve "bealth for all" by the year

Lightning: New Type

By William J. Broad

By Barry James
International Herold Tribune

World Health Organization is stepping up

for Intensified Cooperation with Countries

and Peoples in Greatest Need, which provides focused aid to 26 least-developed

countries. The organization's executive board, meeting in Geneva this month, is

expected to increase that to 40 countries. The aim is eventually to help all 47 neediest

naoons where the great majority of the

regions of Guinea-Bissau than in the Unit-

The program is a departure for a highly centralized organization that has concen-trated on ambitious global programs and

specific major diseases such as AIDS, tu-

berculosis and malaria. This top-down ap-

proach has come in for increasing criti-cism. A recent series of articles in the British Medical Journal depicted an all-

chiefs, no-indians organization that is los-

ing influence, spending money profligate-ly, lacking strategy and having little impact

At the same time, WHO received a se-

vere shock both to its image and its pocket-book recently when Sweden unexpectedly decided to halve voluntary contributions

to its mainstream programs and accused the organization of failing to carry out

reforms voted on hy member countries. The decision, an annual loss of about \$12

million for WHO, was particularly hitter

coming from a country that has been one

of the most fervent supporters of the orga-

Sweden said that the management of WHO, specifically that of the director-general, Hiroshi Nakajima, and his depu-des, "cannot collectively reach a solid con-

sensus for putting into operation the reforms decided on by member states." It

said that any reform that had been at-

tempted 'was not having a significant im-

pact on the performance and effectiveness

Senior WHO officials were relieved

when other Nordie natious declined to

follow Sweden's lead at a meeting last

of the organization."

at the country level.

world's 1.3 billion poorest people live.

aid to the world's ocediest nations. Last year WHO established a Division

SSAILED by outside criticism

about its effectiveness, and shak-

en by a Swedish decision to slash contributions, the Geneva-based

EW YORK - Scientists have

ephemeral dance.

physicist at the National Aeronautic and Space Administration's Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Alabama, who helped track down the gamma flashes. "It's probably been there since the Earth began. But our eyes have just

been opened." Next month a NASA jet loaded with cameras and instruments is to fly across the thunderstorm belt of South America, chasing the high flashes with cameras and trying to analyze their light with a spectrometer, a key step in determining

their makeup and atmospheric effects. They're not hard to see if you know what to look for and where to look," said Dr. Eugene M. Wescott, a geophysicist at the University of Alaska in Fairbanks who has photographed the flashes and is going on next month's trip. The phenomenon, he said, is "a whole new thing that nobody knew about and may have a lot of

implications," adding, "That's exciting," Dr. Steven J. Goodman, an atmospheric physicist at the Marshall Space Flight Center, agreed: "What's raised the level of excitement is it's much more frequent than anyone suspected and appears to be distributed around the

NE sign of the scientific interest is that about 40 papers and abstracts on the topic were presented at the fall meeting of the Americao Geophysical Uoion, the world's largest professional group devoted to earth studies. The authors were from Stanford University, Massachusetts Insotute of Technology, Los Alamos National Laboratory and the Russian Academy of Sciences, among other institutions.

"It's one of those cases where you thought you knew everything," said Dr. Richard J. Howard, program manager for flash studies at NASA headquarters in Washiogton. Then something pops up that you never expected. The theoreticians are going wild."

The big breakthrough came last summer when the second sec

mer when an Alaskan team tracked Midwestern thunderstorms with a pair of jets equipped with color cameras, flying when no moon illuminated the night sky. The team recorded strange bolts above every one of 20 observed thunderstorms. teresting.

"What's neat is that we didn't expect flashes in all.

# New Approaches to Hormone Replacement

Olive Oil May Reduce Breast Cancer Risk

EW YORK -- The recently reported finding that various forms of hormone-replacement therapy can lower the risk of heart disease in postmenopausal women has answered many concerns about the safety and effectiveness of taking estrogen and progesterone in middle age, but it has also raised important new questions, according to Dr. Bernadine Healy, former director of the National Institutes of Health.

In an editorial in Wednesday's issue of The Journal of the American Medical As-sociation, in which details of the study are also published, Dr. Healy wrote that "after a half century of conflicting data, we can affirm with growing confidence that, at the very least, estrogen reduces key cardiovascular risk factors in women at a time when they become especially vulnerable to heart disease, namely, after 50 years of age."

Furthermore, she noted that the study

showed that when progesterone was added to the formula, to prevent uterine cancer, the estrogen benefits to the heart were oot lost. The study's findings were first reported in November at the annual meeting of

the American Heart Association.

Previous studies had found that in postmenopausal women who still have a uterus, supplementary estrogen, if taken alone, resulted in a ninefold increase in the risk of developing cancer of the endometrium, the lining of the uterus.

Gynecologists oow recommend that progesterone be included in bormone-replacement therapy, but it was feared that this addition would negate the estrogen's benefits to the heart.

The new study confirmed that estrogen alone is hazardous to the uterus, although it is still the preferable postmenopausal therapy for a woman whose uterus has been removed by hysterectomy, because it has the most beneficial effect on cardiovas-

This most carefully designed study of hormone replacement was conducted over a three-year period at seven clinical centers among 875 healthy women from 45 to 64 years old. It showed that all the tested regimens, with or without progesterooe, reduced women's cardiovascular risks.

The greatest benefit to the heart, after estrogen taken alone, was observed when a little-known form of natural progesterone, called micronized progesterone, was administered for 12 days of each mooth along with daily low-dose estrogen.

A slightly less striking benefit was seen when low doses of estrogen (Premarin) and a synthetic progesterone, medroxyprogesterone acetate (Provera), were given daily. The study was sponsored by the Nadonal Institutes of Health.

Contrary to "a recurrent concern." Dr. Healy said, the new study showed that hormone-replacement therapy did oot mise blood pressure or increase the blood's ten-

dency to form clots that could precipitate a stroke or heart attack.

As the researchers pointed out, it has yet to be shown that the improvements in cardiovascular risk factors associated with hormooe therapy will translate into fewer beart attacks and strokes. The study examined the benefits and

risks of bormone-replacement therapy for only three years, and a longer-term study oow under way by the Women's Health Initiative of the National Institutes of Health will oot answer this question for at least five years.

Heart disease is by far the leading killer of American women. Dr. Healy said previous "observational studies" had suggested that hormone therapy could reduce the risk of coronary death by as much as 50 percent, a benefit that would more than outweigh the increase in cancer risk.

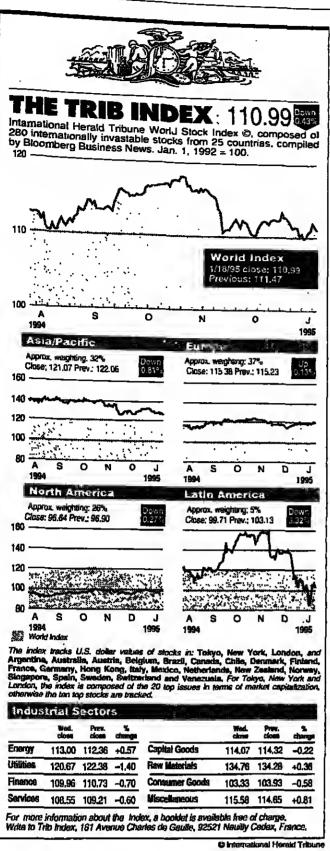
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# Growth In U.S. Is 'Vibrant'

### **But Fed Report** Sees Pace Storing

WASHINGTON - U.S. economic growth was vibrant and widespread in the fourth quarter of 1994, but the rate of expansion appears to have slowed a bit, the Federal Re-

serve said Wednesday. "Economie expansion remained vibrant around much of the nation in recent months and conditions seem to have grown more uniform among the districis," the Fed said in its socalled Tan Book report on the

The Federal Reserve also warned that businesses expect the pace of inflation to accelerate this year.

"Price increases seemed somewhat more widespread than were reported in early December, while higher inflauonary expectations were apparent," the Fed said.

But the Fed reported that wages for U.S. workers were rising at only a subdued pace even though the economy add-ed 3.5 million jobs in 1994, the strongest showing in a decade.

The report is based on reports from the Federal Reserve's 12 district banks and was compiled in late December and early January. It is designed to give Fed policymakers guidance as they decide whether or not to raise interest rates at their next meeting in two weeks.

Meanwhile, the Commerce Department also reported that husiness inventories rose 0.7 percent in November for the eighth consecutive monthly gain.

Some analysts interpreted that as a sign that a U.S. economic slowdown may come sooner than expected this year. But others said the overall

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### Sprint Deal Faces a Snag By Brandon Mitchener

FRANKFURT - A new U.S. Congressional push to rewrite American communications law could derail approval of a planned alliance between Sprint Corp. of the United States. Deutsche Telekom AG and France Telecom, the chairman of the Federal Communications Commission said Wednesday.

Urging speedy action by Germany and the European Union to liberalize their protected telecommunications markets, the FCC chairman. Reed Hundt, said some Republicans in Congress wanted to mandate reciprocity, effectively making approval of the Sprint alliance dependent on increased access to European telecom markets for Sprint's U.S.

compelitors.
"I've told Germany that Congress is considering whether to rewrite our law so that foreign investment would be precluded unless the country providing the investment provided reciprocal treatment," Mr. Hundt said in an interview after two days of talks in Bonn.

While the FCC plans to consider the proposed alliance under existing U.S. law, which does not explicitly demand reciprocity, a change in the 1934 Communications Act could supersede FCC approval, he said, hap-py to be able to use the issue as leverage in ongoing talks about opening European markets to competition.

Approval of the alliance is critical to the

long-term global strategies of all three compa-nies involved. Sprint is the third-largest American telecommunications company, which has big plans to expand abroad. Deutsche Telekom and France Telecom, both state-owned monopolies, want a strong foreign partner to help smooth their path toward privatization and expand abroad as well.

The two European state monopolies bave proposed investing \$4.2 billion in Sprint, which would give them a 20 percent stake.

"We're convinced we'll get approval," said Carl-Friedrich Meissner, the Deutsche Tele-

kom board member responsible for interna-tional affairs. "Our global partnership with Sprint, code-named Phoenix, is only for those kinds of services which are already open to full competition in Germany and France." he said, citing corporate networks and so-called virtual private networks.

Mr. Hundt's comments come a week after Senator Larry Pressler, Republican of South Dakota and chairman of the Senate Com-merce Committee, introduced legislation that would include a foreign investment reciprocity clause as part of a broader deregulation of S. communications.

Meanwhile, Representative Michael G. Oxley, Republican of Ohio, last week introduced a bill that would do exactly the opposite: repeal all restrictions on foreign owner-

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### FCC Chief Assails 'Cultural' Quotas

FRANKFURT - France, Canada and other countries that seek to impose quotas on local cultural content in broadcasting do themselves more harm than good, the top U.S. hroadcasting regulator said Wednesday.

While France and other countries fear their citizens will be swamped with American culture when digital cable television begins broadcasting on hundreds of new channels in the near future, there would be nothing to stop French-language programming from spreading ton, said Reed Hundt, the chairman of the Federal Communications Com-

"We say the customer is king and should be able to get what the king wants," Mr. Hundt

said in a sharp rebuttal 10 a recent French proposal to cap the percentage of non-European programming on local television sta-tions at 1994 levels. A more rigid proposal had previously been blocked by Sir Leon Brittan, the European Union commissioner for trade.

"We think trying to limit non-French con-tent is like trying to sweep back the waves with a broom," Mr. Hundi said after a twoday attempt to enlist Germany in a campaign for global deregulation. The German government has agreed with the U.S. position, he

Cultural content was a key subject in meet-See QUOTAS, Page 13

# GAN Sees Loss, While France Signals Bailout

By Alan Friedman International Heroid Tribune
PARIS — Another of

France's state-owned companies looked set for a government hand out on Wednesday, as Groupe des Assurances Nationales SA, the country's thirdbiggest insurer, said that its 1994 loss would be significantly higher than expected.

The company and a French Treasury official said that a government-funded recapitalization was likely.
As the price of shares in GAN

and a deficit-ridden banking subsidiary tumbled on the Paris bourse, analysts said the bad news could also set back efforts by the government of Prime Minister Edouard Balladur to achieve a speedy privatization of GAN and other insurers.

to ready it for privatization.

GAN is on the government's list of privatization candidates, but its financial troubles - such as those of Crédit Lyonnais SA, the state bank, and Air France, the state airline - have forced French authorities to focus on bailouts rather than sell-offs. The share price of GAN

plunged 5.4 percent on Wednesday after the company announced that it expects to report a 1994 loss of between 2.5 billion and 3 billion French francs. This is more than double most market forecasts.

of 414 million francs in 1993, reported.]

though that profit was made possible by a one-time gain of 3.3 billion arising from a change

in accounting methods.
"It is very likely that a recapi-talization of GAN will be needed," a French Treasury official said, confirming an indication from the company that it would need more cash. But the official said it was ton early to predict the amount that the government, the main shareholder, would have to provide. This would only become clear once the company's full 1994 accounts have been audited this spring, he said.

GAN, in its announcement, also said it did not expect a return to profit until 1996, Bloom-berg Business News reported. The company's estimated loss is almost entirely due to higherthan-expected losses at Union As recently as last month the government injected 1 billion francs (\$189 million) into GAN bank, Union Europeenne de CIC SA, Bloomberg reported.

The French government, which owns 75.9 percent of GAN, is expected to back the recapitalization to make sure that the capital ratios of its UIC banking subsidiary are restored

to international standards.

li is unclear whether the expected capital injection will need the approval of the European Commission in Brussels; this depends on whether it is perceived as an unusual form of aid. [Meanwhile, Crédit Lyonnais

investment certificates slumped 18.8 frames to 360 frames on The expected 1994 loss at fears the bank could post a GAN compares with a net profit steep 1994 loss, Knight-Ridder

### INTERNATIONAL MANAGER

# Primping for Privatization

By John Tagliabue New York Times Service OME - For Franco Bernabe, wbo spent much of the past two years cleansing Ente Nazionale Idrocarburi SpA of an aura of political corruption, the biggest challenge now is to sell off the state-owned Italian oil and petrochemicals company to the public without

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more political interference.

The outcome is crucial for ENI, the world's fifth-largest oil company by sales, as the international chemical industry awakens from recession and major oil companies stake claims in the former Soviet Union and China. The proposed privatization of ENI is just

part of Italy's campaign to sell state-owned industries to private shareholders. Two previous governments made a good start, thanks to the independence of the industries from political parties, which were crippled after 1992 by Italy's wave of corruption scandals. Previous privatizations brought to market

some of the largest banks and financial service companies. But the companies now on the agenda, like Società Finanziaria Telefonica SpA, the large telecommunications concern, and the public utility Ente Nazionale per l'Energia Elettriea SpA, in addition to ENI, are pillars of the economy. ENI supplies more than 50 percent of Italy's energy needs, a larger share than any company in any other European country except Spain.
When Mr. Bernabe, an owlish, 46-year old

economist, took over EN1 in 1992, the company was losing \$515 million a year and was being shaken by disclosures of illegal payments to political parties totaling more than \$20 million in the 1980s.

The chairman, Gabriele Cagliari, was arrest-

ed, as were the heads of major divisions, like

Agip oil, the Nuovo Pignone turbine unit, the Saipem pipeline company and the Snam gas division. Mr. Cagliari later committed suicide.

To stanch the financial hemorrhaging, Mr. Bernabe made drastic cuts, shedding 65 subsidiaries and gaining powerful new partners, like Union Carbide Corp., the huge U.S. chemical concern, for the ailing Enichem chemicals division. Yet chemicals will still produce operating losses of \$600 million to \$700 million this year, and only profits in oil and gas will enable ENI as a whole to turn a net profit, which Mr. Bernabe estimates at "largely above \$1 billion," on sales of \$33.6

Mr. Bernabe slashed thousands of jobs, bringing last year's total payroll down to 100,000. To raise cash, be sold off some family jewels like the Nuovo Pignone turbine unit, which an American consortium led by General

Electric Co. bought last year for \$690 million.

But such streamlining may help little unless
ENI can aggressively expand its drilling and
producing operations. To do so, Mr. Bernabe is focusing on natural gas, an increasingly popular alternative to oil because of its abundance and cleanliness as a fuel.

Industry analysts give the company's oil and gas business high marks. "On the oil side, they are very organized and in good shape; they bounded back well, said Edward Morse, the publisher of Petroleum Intelligence Weekly, a leading trade publication. The company, be added, is "positioned re-markably well to become a global gas player." Mr. Bernabe said that Rome must continue

to press ahead with its privatization drive: "At a certain point, if the process does not move ahead, inevitably there's going to be a lack of tension, a lack of motivation, a lack of determination.

# **Volvo Spending Big to Expand Capacity**

said Wednesday it planned to invest more than 3 billion kronor (\$405 million) through 1996 a record year, with 68,500 to expand property, plant and equipment in its truck and carbinesses over 1993 sales of 1,7 billion kronor to boost its making units.

board approved three invest ment programs. These were for the production of new Volvo models at the Uddevalla plant north of Gothenburg, investment in a new paint shop in Ghent, Belgium, by Volvo Car Corp., and investment to increase capacity at Volvo Truck

"It's a good move that they are focusing on their core business - and they have the cash." said an analyst at the brokerage Carnegie Fondkommission. There could be more moves like this in the near future."

The move comes after Volvo

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches Car Corp. said that sales rose 16 51,300 trucks. Volvo Truck also STOCKHOLM - Volvo AB percent in 1994. Volvo Truck saw its global market share in

# Nearly half of the total will be spent on projects in Sweden, the company said, after its Renault Plant Gets Reprieve

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LISBON - The Portuguese Trade Ministry said Wednesday that Renault's struggling car assembly plant in central Portugal did not face imminent closure, but the factory may wind down when the car model assembled there ceases production. The statement came after meetings in Paris on Tuesday between

Portugal's trade minister, Fernando Faria de Oliveira, and France's industry minister, José Rossi, to discuss the ailing plant, The Portugese government owns 30 percent of the plant, located in Setubal, 50 kilometers (30 miles) south of Lisbon.

Renault executives reportedly want to close the plant, which has been hit by falling demand for Renault's Clio model. In other automotive news, shares of the French automaker PSA Peugeot Citroen SA slid I percent Wednesday on the Paris Bourse as the company confirmed reports that it was considering a return

to the U.S. car market it abandoned four years ago.

European facilities. That will increase global capacity, ex-cluding that in the United States, by about 7,500 trucks, to about 60,000 a year. Volvo Truck's U.S. operations produce about 27,000 units a year. Volvo Car also will invest

about 1.7 billion kronor in the paint shop of its car plant in Ghent to meet and surpass inemission standards.

Meanwhile, Saab Automobile AB, a prime competitor to Volvo, raised its 1995 sales forecast by 5,000 units, to 105,000, a company spokesman said.

The change stems from strong growth in the United States, where Saab sold 25,000 units in 1994 and expects to sell 35,000 this year. The spokesman said management estimates Saab will have about 300 distributors in the United States by the end of the year.

(Bloomberg, AFP, AFX)

### Samsung, **Toshiba** Strike Deal

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SEOUL - Samsung Electronics Co., South Korea's largest electronics maker, said Wednesday it has forged a strategie alliance with Japan's Toshiba Corp. to develop advanced semiconductors.

Samsung said the two companies would develop new fabrication processes for integrated circuits used in consumer electronic appliances and added that the deal would allow the two pariners to take advantage of each other's expertise.

Samsung will contribute memory semiconductor products and related tech-nology, while Toshiba will contribute bipolar processes and technology to make so-called one-chip integrated circuits used in high-definition television.

The bipolar process can produce integrated circuits with better energy efficiency and performance, Samsung said.

The one-chip integrated circuit for high-definition television can process audio and video signals in mid-frequency bands as well as color and brightness signals, while separating and processing simultaneous signal phases.

Samsung is expected to start volume production of the semiconductors by 1996. (Bloomberg, AFX)

# Microsoft and Digital Chalk Up Their Chips

REDMOND, Washington - Microsoft Corp. said Wednesday that earnings in its most recent quarter rose 29 percent on strong sales of business programs, while Digital Equipment Corp. said it bad swung

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into profit in its most recent quarter. Both companies surprised Wall Street analysis who had forecast more modest performances Microsoft shares rose 43.75 cents to

\$65.06, but Digital shares slipped 75 cents to \$36.75 in the wake of a sharp run-up in the stock price in recent days. Microsoft, the world's largest personal computer software maker, said that its net income rose to \$373 million in the quarter

ended on Dec. 31 from \$289 million a year

to \$1.48 billion. Analysts expected sales of word proces-

sors and spreadsbeets to slow in the quar-ter, but Microsoft managed to sell more copies than most analysts predicted. Strong sales of PCs in the summer had also boosted revenue from PC makers, which pay a royalty to pack the MS-DOS and Windows operating systems with each machine they sell.

"It was a good solid quarter all around," said Terrence Quinn, analyst at Furman Selz, who added that Microsoft's royalties remained "massive."

Digital, the third-largest U.S. computer maker, made good on its promise to return to profit by the end of 1994 by saying that

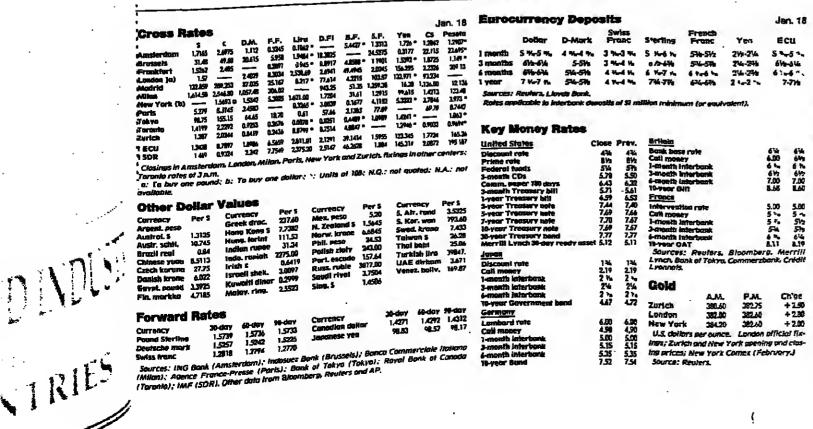
earlier, while revenue climbed 31 percent, net income totaled \$18.9 million for the three months ended Dec. 31. The company had posted a loss of \$72.1 million a year earlier.

> Many analysts had expected Digital. which also reported that revenue rose 6.7 percent, to \$3.47 billion, to announce a loss for the quarter. Digital bas "made faster-than-expected

> progress bringing their cost structure in line, said Michael Geran, an analyst with Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette Securities Corp. But other analysts remained skeptical about the company's push to make its two-year-old Alpha chip competitive with more established players.

(Bloomberg, Renters, AP-DJ)

### **CURRENCY & INTEREST RATES**



# British Midland Meets Its Waterloo

LONDON - The operator of the new Eurostar trains linking London to Paris and to Brussels may have an odd new ally in its effort to wrest business from the airlines. British Midland, one of several carriers flying those routes, said Wednesday it was negotiating with Eurostar, the consortium of Belgian, British, and French railways, to

offer an interchangeable ticket. The concept would allow business-class travelers to buy one ticket that could be used for either rail or airline travel or a combination of the two.

"We hope to be able to bring something out by the summer," said Tim Walden, industry affairs manager at British Midland. Eurostar's first-class round trip fare now is £195 (\$306), roughly in line with business-class fares offered by the airlines.

Malcolm Parsons, a spokesman for Eurostar, stressed that discussions with British Midland were at a "very early stage." He also said that no other airline has yet made such an offer. Because of the one-hour time difference

hetween London and the Continent, Mr.

Walden said, passengers may wish to fly to Paris in the morning to ensure an early — that is passengers traveling between start on the day and then enjoy a leisurely dinner on the three-hour train ride back to London. As of Monday, the earliest arrival Eurostar will offer in Paris will be 11:24 A.M. for the train that leaves Waterlon Station at 7:23.

The news of a possible collaboration between the airlines and trains comes on the eve of Eurostar's planned expansion of its service. On Monday, Eurostar will double its departures from London to Paris and Brussels to four trains per day to each city. This summer, the consortium hopes to operate 15 trains a day to each city.

Just how much of the cross-channel market the trains will ultimately take remains hotly debated.

"We have a real competitor on our hands," conceded Sir Michael Bishop, British Midland's chairman. "I think in two or three years time they may take 20 percent of our market." Beyond that, he said he expected the airlines' business to expand as overall volumes on the route rise steeply, spurred on by the new rail service.

Michael Blunt, a spokesman for British Airways, said his company has not dis-cussed interchangeable tickets with Euros-

— that is passengers traveling between London and Paris and going no further —

the airline thought it could lose up to 30 percent of its business. He added, however, that up to 45 percent of Air France's passengers on that route connect with flights

to other destinations. Those travelers are

thought to be highly unlikely 10 opt for the

train for pari of their journeys.

Eurostar paints a distinctly different picture. The operator of the 794-passenger

trains said it expected its market share on

the point-to-point business to be well above

50 percent. "In two or three years we expect

to carry 12 to 15 million single passenger journeys per year and to be the market leader," said Eurostar's Mr. Parsons.

tar. He did say, however, that BA was exploring the possibility of offering Eurostar tickets as part of a package to long-haul tourists. Under that plan, tourists flying into London from Japan, for instance, might be offered Eurostar tickets for the Bernard McCoy, a spokesman for Air next leg of their journeys to the Continent

# **Dollar Advances** On Rate Rise Hopes

NEW YORK - The dollar rose against major currencies on Wednesday after a report showing robust U.S. economic growth prompted speculation

### Foreign Exchange

that the Federal Reserve Board would raise interest rates this

month. The dollar firmed to close at 1.5342 Deutsche marks, up from 1,5330 DM on Tuesday, and climbed to 99.615 yen from 99, 100 yen.

Against other currencies, the dollar rose to 1.2915 Swiss francs from 1.2865 francs and to 5.3025 Freoch francs from 5.2980 francs. The pound climbed to \$1.5693 from

In its so-called Tan Book report, the Federal Reserve called the U.S. economy "vibrant" and warned that businesses expected inflation to accelerate this year.

The beige book obviously helped the dollar," said Richard Vullo, manager of currency sales at Bayerische Hypothe-

York. "People read it as being inflationary and figure it means the Fed will move at the end of

January." Concern that Japan's devastating earthquake would hurt the Japanese economy, at least temporarily, also helped drive the dollar higher against the yen.

People are nervous to have anything yen-related until they know what all this means," said Vicki Schmelzer Alicea, who handles currency sales for Westdeutsche Landesbank Gir-

After the government's report Friday of an unexpected 0.1 percent decline in U.S. Dethis month.

buildup suggested the economy grew at a rapid 4.9 percent anoual pace in the final quarter of

Bond prices slipped because the reports stimulated fears of

### u.s. Stocks

inflation. The price of the benchmark 30-year Treasury bond slipped 2/32 point, to 96 27/32, 10 yield 7.77 percent, flat

from Tuesday. The decline io bonds pressured stocks, but the Dow Jones industrial average dosed only 1.68 point lower, at 3,928.98.

Some economists said they expected the Federal Reserve's Open Market Committee 10 respond to the report by raising the federal funds rate on overnight bank loans by at least a half percentage point at its Jan. 31-Feb. I meeting.

### ■ Stocks Little Changed

Stocks closed little changed on Wedoesday as a late rally in oil and semiconductor shares belped to offset concern about rising interest rates, news agen-

cies reported. Declining issues outoumbered advancers by about 11 to 10 on the New York Stock Ex-

cember retail sales, some traders and analysts began to doubt that the Fed would raise rates

But the Fed report issued on Tuesday showing that U.S. capacity utilization rose in December to the highest level in 15 years, combined with the tan book report, "put to rest the thought that the Fed woo't hike rates," said Tom Hoge, corpo-rate currency trader at Bank of

# STOCKS: Rate Fears Hit Market

### change, where volume totaled

Continued from Page 11 344.6 million shares.

Oil shares gained amid a rise in crude oil prices and a solid profit outlook for Amoco. which gained 4, to 58%, and USX-Marathoo Group, which ended unchanged at 16½. Exxon rose %, to 62; Texaco gaioed 1/2, to 611/4.

Intel sod Adaptec also bucked the broader market's slump. Intel rallied 2%, to 69%, amid optimism the company had put its Pentium problem hehind it. Intel took a \$475-million

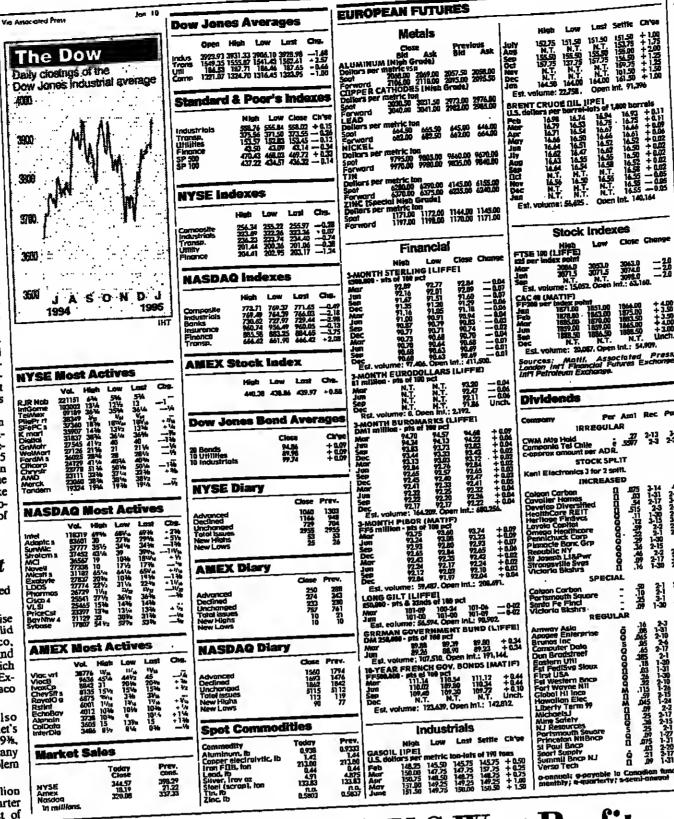
charge against fourth-quarter earnings to cover the cost of replacing defective copies of the microprocessor. Adaptec jumped 51/4, to 291/4,

after the maker of computer components said third-quarter earnings beat analysts' esti-RJR Nabisco, the most active

NYSE issue, floished unchanged at 5¼ amid anticipation of the sale this week of its \$1.1 billion food business. International Game Technol-

ogy dropped 1, to 13, after a decline in first-quarter earnings from the video game and slot

(Bloomberg, AP)



# New Access Lines Lift U S West Profit

ENGLEWOOD, Colorado - U S West Inc. said Wednesday that its fourth-quarter profit from operations rose 7.6 percent, to \$284 million, amid continued growth in necess lines and cellular subscribers.

"There's dilution from the issuance of new shares," said Anthony Ferrugia, an analyst at A.G. Edwards. The average number of U.S West common shares outstanding has in-

creased to 453 million from 419 millioo in the past 12 months. nue had risen 6.5 percent, to the initial public offering of the in its subscriber base. company's TeleWest Communications joint veoture in Brit-ternational customer base for ain and \$20 million from the all veotures increased by

exchanges resulted in net in-come of \$409 million, or 89 cents a share, up from \$264 million, or 62 cents, a year ago. The company's shares were quoted up 12.5 ceots at \$35.75 in late trading.

The company said that reve-Gains of \$105 million from \$2.84 billion, amid strong gains

US West's domestic and insale of certain rural telephooe 600,000, to more than 1.3 million. The oumber of US West Cellular's subscribers rose 61 percent, to 968,000, at the end of 1994.

"I'm pleased with our 1994 financial results, especially the solid revenue and earnings

growth in our 14-state telecommunications busioess," said Richard McCormick, the company's chairman and chief exec-

The growth has presented problems in maintaining quality standards.

In October, the company said it planned to slow the pace of a plan to cut 9,000 jobs and consolidate its service centers to

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# Paper Prices Help Boise Cascade Net

BOISE Idaho (Bloomberg) — Boise Cascade Corp, reported its first quarterly profit in four years oo Wednesday, the result of rising paper prices and an aggressive plan to update its plants. The Boise, Idaho-based paper and forest products company and its fourth-quarter pet income tree to \$75.9 million.

said its fourth-quarter oet income rose to \$25.9 million-compared. with a loss of \$23.9 million a year ago. Boise Cascade's sales for the quarter rose 11 percent, to \$1.1

billion. Sales for the full year rose 4.5 percent, 10-\$4.14 billion. excluding sales of \$309 million from Rainy River Forest Products. Canadian subsidiary that was spun off last year. Boise Cascade shares closed on the New York Stock Exchange

at \$30, up 12 cents.

# Military Helps McDonnell Douglas

ST. LOUIS (AP) - McDonnell Douglas Corp. on Wednesday reported a 15 percent increase in fourth-quarter earnings, fielped,

reported a 15 percent increase in fourth-quarter earnings, neighbor by a record performance in its military aircraft business.

The aerospace company earned \$165 million, or \$1.39 per, share, on revenue of \$3.5 billion for the period ending Dec. 31.

That compared with earnings of \$1.43 million, or \$1.34 million. That compared with earnings of \$143 million, or \$1.21 per share. oo reveoue of \$3.6 billioo for year-ago period.

For the year, McDonnell Douglas earned \$598 million on

revenue of \$13.1 billion, up from earnings of \$396 million on

McDonnell Douglas shares ended the day down 75 cents at \$47.25 on the New York Stock Exchange.

# AMR Halves Fourth-Quarter Losses

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) - AMR Corp., parent of American Airlines, posted a loss of \$123 million in the fourth quarter after a hefty restructuring charge and problems with its American, Eagle commuter subsidiary. But the company reported its fruit full-year profit since 1989.

AMR's revenue for the three months ended Dec. 31 reached. nearly \$4 billion, the company said Wednesday. The quarter results included a pretax charge of \$278 million for employee severance pay and other restructuring. American has cut nearly 6,000 jobs over the past two years in an attempt to drastically,

reduce labor costs.

For all of 1994, AMR earned \$228 million on revenue of \$16.1 billion. The company posted a profit of \$110 million on revenue of \$15.8 billion in 1993. AMR stock closed 12.5 cents higher, at \$15.8 billion in 1993. AMR stock closed 12.5 cents higher, at \$15.8 billion in 1993. \$58.875, on the New York Stock Exchange.

# Court Allows Banks to Sell Annuities

WASHINGTON (Combined Dispatches) — The Supreme Court ruled unanimously Wednesday that U.S. banks could compete with insurance companies in the multibillion-dollar

market for sales of annuities. The justices reversed a lower court's ruling that had called annuities a form of insurance that could out be sold by banks in cities of more than 5,000 residents. The decision agreed with the cities of more than 5,000 residents. The details interpretation of a government's and nationally chartered banks' interpretation of a (Bloomberg, AP). murky federal law.

Strong Drug Sales Lift Pfizer Results

NEW YORK (AP) — Strong growth in sales volume and costcutting helped Pfizer Inc. to a 16 percent increase in profit for the fourth quarter, the company said Wednesday.

Pfizer, maker of popular prescription drugs such as Procardia, XL for beart patients, Zoloft, an antidepressant, and Glucotrol. XL for diabetics, earned \$334 million in the last three months of 1994, compared with \$288.9 million in the comparable 1993.

Quarterly sales also grew 16 percent, to \$2.3 billion. For the year, Pfizer's profit grew 98 percent, to \$1.30 billion, Annual revenue grew 11 percent from 1993, to \$8.28 billion.

Pfizer shares closed up \$2 at \$79.50 on the New York Stock. Exchange,

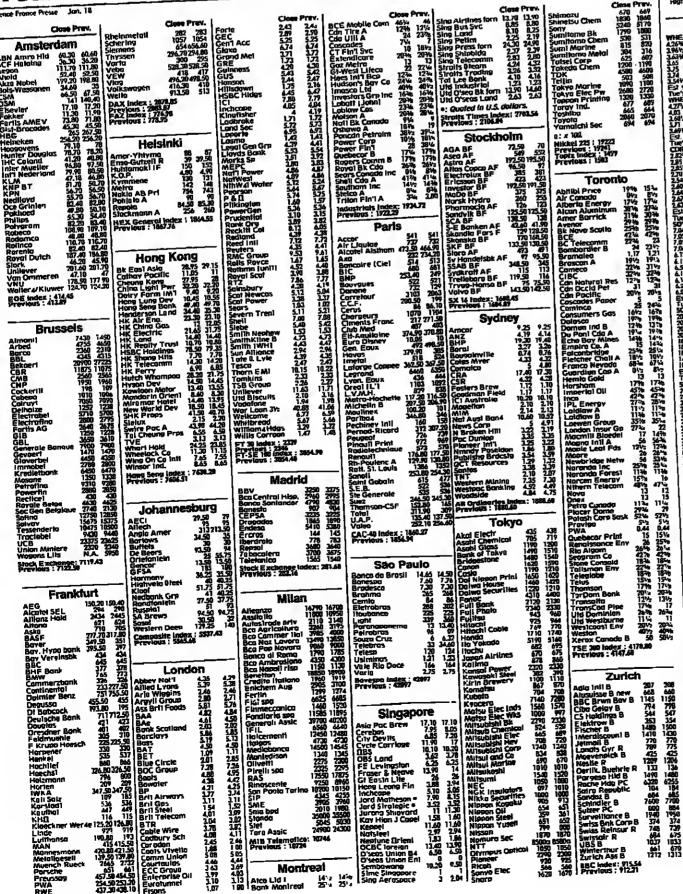
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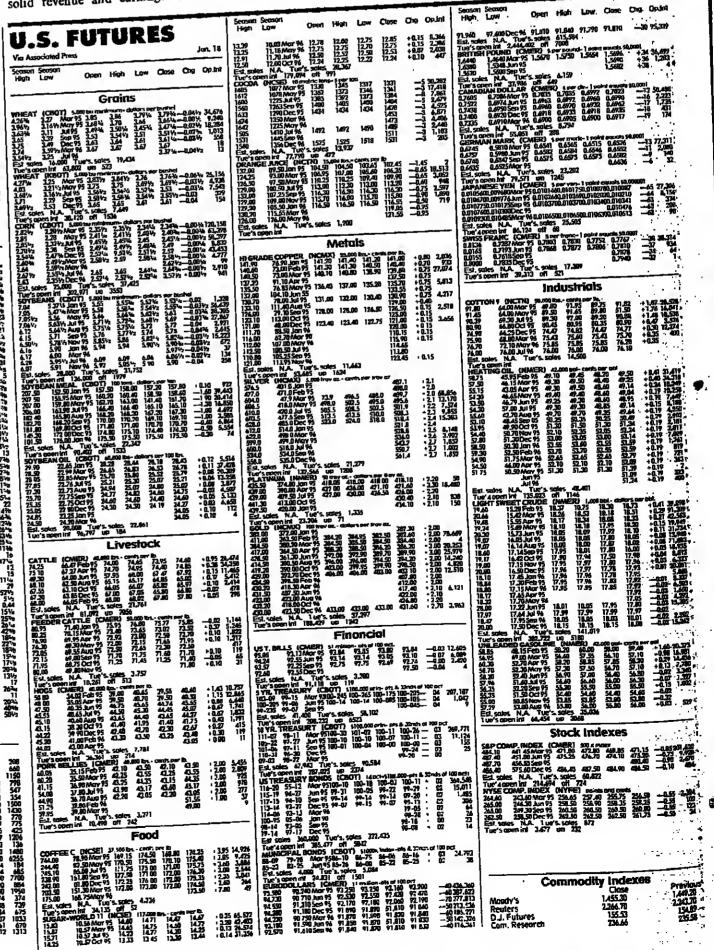
Norwest Corp.'s fourth-quarter net income rose 84 percent on. strong earnings in its retail banking operations, particularly in the Midwest, the Minneapolis-based bank holding company said,

About 6,600 General Motors Corp. workers went on strike. Wednesday at a parts plant in Flint, Michigan, after GM and the United Anto Workers failed to reach agreement oo the hiring of the rapidly growing Rocky Mountain region.

Outcome workers. The shutdown could cause many GM vehicle (Bloomberg)

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utility said. Swiss Bank is an adviser to Trafalgar House PLC. which has launched a hostile £1,2 hillion bid (\$1.8 hillion) for

• Kingfisher PLC shares dropped 23 percent after the British

retailer announced disappointing sales at its Comet electronics

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· Croatia's government has established a Ministry for Privatiza-

tion and plans to force the pace of state-owned asset sales in coming months, the deputy prime minister said.

• Bank Austria said 1994 operating profit fell below the 4.2 billion schillings (\$390 million) reported in 1993; the country's higgest

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# Higher Steel Sales . Slash Annual Loss At Thyssen Stahl

DUISBURG, Germany -Thyssen Stahl AG, Germany's higgest steel company, said Wednesday that lower costs and higher sales had narrowed its annual loss by 63 percent, but it warned that recovery was fragile.

The division of the industrial company Thyssen AG slashed its losses in the financial year 10 Sept. 30 to 448 million Deutsche

# Roche Posts

lion), and that another rise in profit was likely.

Cost controls also belped operating profit rise in 1994, in spite of restructuring costs, Rocbe said, Income from investments also increased. Sales of pharmaceuticals, which represent more than balf of the company's revenue, climbed 7 percent, to 8.34 hillion francs.

"Another increase in group net profit" is expect-ed for 1994, Roche said, ft is not scheduled to report

Without including sales of the U.S. drug company Syntex Corp., which have been consolidated since

Roche bought Syntex

NYSE

Tables include the nationwide prices up to the closing on Wall Street and do not reflect late trades elsewhere. Via The Associated Press

marks (\$293 million) after a loss of 1.2 hillion DM a year earlier. Economic recovery in Europe raised demand for steel and Thyssen Stahl sales were up by more than 3 percent, at t0.9 bil-lion DM, in 1993-94, while steel production jumped 11 percent, to 10.4 million metric tons.

The most important thing is that we have achieved the turnaround in profits," said Ekkehard Schulz, the company chairman. "We will make an appropriate contribution to the profils of the Thyssen group

Sales in the first quarter of the new husiness year jumped 22 percent, to 2.9 hillion DM, and steel production was up 14 percent, to 2.7 million tons. Incoming orders were stable.

"After the first half showed a clear loss, we managed to cross the hreak-even level in the third quarter of 1993-94, and since then we've been in the hlack," Mr. Schulz said.

Mr. Schulz said exhaustive cost-cutting measures were the main force driving the company's return to profit, especially a three-year program to slash the work force by around 37 percent, to 37,000 employees by the end of 1995.

Restructuring has saved Thyssen Stahl 660 million DM in personnel costs over the past two years and another 220 million DM in savings are expected this year.

After Europe's worst postwar steel crisis, Thyssen said it had lost nearly 2 hillion DM in the past three years.

Mr. Schulz said the company would probably return to the peak profit levels of the late 1980s in the coming years, but added the sector's woes were not over.

"Structural problems from

past week on the Frankfurt Stock Exchange and closed 1.90 marks higher on Wednesday, at

296.70 DM.

# Nobody Wants to Hang Up on Nokia

HELSINKI - If you go hy the conventional signs, the time is ripe for beiting against Nokia AB.

Analysts generally agree that Nokia, the world's second largest cellular-phone manufacturer after Motorola Inc., is vul-

nerable to competition from Japanese mass producers Sony Corp., Hitachi Ltd. and Panasonic International Inc. Nokia stock also lies exposed to a swelling Finnish stock market, up t27 percent since 1993 and looking ready for

a correction. Nokia's American depositary receipts are currently trading at their record highs on the New York Stock Exchange. Yet analysts keep issuing fiercely opti-mistic profit estimates and money man-

agers keep huying.
"There is going to be a rush to be first
to put a sell recommendation on these shares," said Peter Lawrence, an analyst at Kleinwort Benson Securities in Lon-

don. "But I wouldn't sell."
"There are times when shares become overpriced and people want to switch their positions, but it is premature to get out of it," said George Verghese, an analyst with Deutsche Bank AG. "If you can find another suitable recovery stock and you are a pension fund manager, go

Many investors expect another excellent year from the Finnish company, which evolved into a telecommunica-tions company after selling car tires, cables and toilet paper for much of the Analysts' profit estimates for the com-pany range from \$7.70 to \$8.90 a share for 1994 and as high as \$12.30 a share for 1995. Nokia's net profit in the first eight months of 1994 rose 521 percent to \$362

Sales estimates are just as sunny. Mr. Verghese said he expected sales on the

### INTERNATIONAL STOCKS

mobile phone side of the husiness to grow in two years to 18.8 hillion markka (\$4 hillion), from 10.3 hillion markka in

Mats Nystrom, an analyst with Ara-gon Securities Fondkommission in Stockholm, said Nokia would announce results on Feb. 28 that would "surprise the markets positively."

As with most telecommunications companies, a central question is whether Nokia can maintain and improve its profit margins on its mobile phones. among Europe's most popular.

Here again, analysts are optimistic. Simon Scholes of Hoare Govett in London predicted 12 percent operating margins for 1994, up from 11.3 percent in the first eight months of the year. He said he expected margins for this year to hit 15

"It is not worth selling the stock until you get a set of figures showing a decline in margins," he said.

That could happen this year or next year, he added, since Nokia's higgest danger will be Japanese compedition. "Everyone expects the margins to come

down because of mass manufacturing from the Panasonies and Hitachis of the world," Mr. Schotes said.

Nokia's regular and preferred shares in Helsinki rose 144 percent in 1994 against a 15.3 percent rise in Finland's HEX general index of 8t shares. Nokia shares constitute 29 percent of

the Helsinki index, and that, according to some analysts, makes the market look

As soon as people start to take profits in Nokia, it will undermine the whole market," said Jerry Evans, European stocks strategist for Kleinwori Benson in London. "It is very dangerous."
Sull, almost everyone seems to have a

reason for holding or huying more Nokia

Analysts point to the potential of emerging markets such as India. China and Russia, where less than t percent of the population owns a mobile phone. Nokia said Wednesday it had signed a \$100 million-plus agreement to huild Ma-

laysia's digital cellular phone network. Meanwhile Nokia Paging, a division. and HCL Ltd. of India have announced an agreement to supply Nokia radio data system pagers in India. Peter Lawrence, an analyst with Kleinwort Benson, said Nokia might an-

nounce soon that it had sold its consumer electronies division, which makes television sets and computer monitors. He said the division had diverted Nokia's attention from its primary market and prohably only broke even last year after losing money for several years.

### Warburg's Stock Jumps on Frenzy Of Takeover Talk

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches LONDON - Stock of S. G. Warhurg Group PLC shot up 6 percent on Wednesday as takeover rumors swirled around the

securities firm. Warburg stock ended the day at 737 pence (\$11.55), up 41 pence. Meanwhile, the stock of Mercury Asset Management Group PLC gained 52 pence, to 748, on talk that Warburg would float its 75 percent stake in that

Analysis identified Deutsche Bank AG and J. P. Morgan & Co. as likely bidders for Warburg, while Dresdner Bank AG and Lehman Brothers also were

mentioned. Warburg has been the subject of takeover speculation since merger talks with Morgan Stan-

### billion French francs (\$2 billion) for 99.46 percent of Groupe Victoire, and not 12.3 billion francs as previously agreed, to reflect the French insurer's results. Deutsche Bahn AG estimated it made a operating profit of 350 million Deutsch marks (\$229 million) in 1994, the first year of its operation as a joint-stock company, a spokeswoman for the German railway said. Bloomberg, AFX, Reuters, AFP firm at around £10 per share.

results for this year.

### U.K. Jobless Rate Falls **But Inflation Threatens**

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

LONDON - British unemployment fell at the fastest rate in six years in December, the government reported Wednes-day, but the country's lively economic recovery also caused inflation to jump. Seasonally adjusted unemployment dropped by 54,600 in

December, to 2.4 million, or 8.6 percent of the work force, down from 8.8 percent in November. Unemployment has level in three years.

The good news on jobs was marred by a surprisingly large

The good news on jobs was marred by a surprisingly large rise in inflation. Inflation year-on-year rose to 2.9 percent in December from 2.6 percent in November. This was higher than analysts had expected and fueled speculation that the Bank of England would raise interest rates to cool the economy.

In the bond market, the yield on the bellwether 10-year gilt rose to 2.68 percent from 2.60 percent Tuesday, reflecting the inflation fears. "Only politics will stop rates going up at the beginning of February," said David Philpotts, an economist at Stone & McCarthy Research. "The economic case for a rate rise is watertight."

(Reuters, Bloomberg)

### **QUOTAS:** FCC Attacks Limits

ings that Mr. Hundt held this week with Germany's Economics Ministry and with regulatory and parliamentary offi-

We were here to talk about Germany's willingness to join the United States to press the theme of openness and competition not only in Germany but

all over the world," Mr. Hundt

Al Gore, the U.S. vice president, has campaigned for the ereamon of a so-called Global Information Infrastructure free of national restrictions. While the European Union

frequently talks about opening its markets to competition, it needs to move from rhetoric to reality, he said.

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# 3% Rise in Kevenue

Rioomberg Business News BASEL - Roche Holding AG, the Swiss pharma-ceuticals and chemicals company, said Wednesday that revenue climbed 3 per-cent in 1994, to 14.75 billion Swiss francs (\$11.5 hil-

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profit figures until April.

Nov. 1, 1994, Roche sales rose I percent in Swiss francs and 8 percent when computed in local currencies. In October, Roche had said that nine-month sales had been flat at 10.73 billion francs.

last year for \$5.3 billion, making it the fourth-largest drug company in the world.

# French Firms to Report Gains

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatcher

PARIS - France's two big contracting and water companies said Wednesday that they ex-

pected earnings increases for 1994. Compagnie Générale des Eaux said its income would be as much as 5 percent above the 1993 level of 3.2 billion francs (\$605.4 million), while Lyonnaise des Eaux SA confirmed earlier forecasts that its results would be up to 30 percent above the 804 million francs of 1993.

Looking ahead to its 1995 results. Generale des Eaux said its sales would rise 7 percent, to more than 165 billion francs.

The company said its water business, which accounts for a quarter of its revenue, would maintain good growth rates, particularly helped rope have not been resolved, he said.

Thyssen share prices have risen more than 3 percent in the past week on the Ereal factors. overcapacities and subsidies by development abroad. This would include new Electricity sales in North America will hit 4 billion franes while waste collection, bealth, transport and catering services would continue

the swift expansion of recent years. Communications revenue should show signifi-(Reuters, Bloomberg) cant growth, with mobile telephone use expected

to increase in France. Générale des Eaux is working with Southwestern Bell Corp. and Vodafone PLC on a French mobile-phone venture.

The company also said it would buy out minority shareholders in its unprofitable real estate unit Compagnie Immobilière Phênix, which would require a large cash infusion after a weak second balf, Holders of Phénix stock and convertible bonds would be offered shares in Generale des Eaux, but details have not been fixed.

Générale des Eaux also said it expected to cut its investment markedly in 1995 as it applies a rigorous and selective strategy.

Meanwhile, Lyonnaise des Eaux's board approved its planned acquisition of the cable television network of Com Dev, a unit of Caisse de The acquisition will make the water manage-

ment, media and construction company the largest cable television distributor in France, increasing its base of subscribers by a third. Lyonnaise des Eaux said its real estate losses

narrowed last year, while its water businesses grew strongly overseas through existing and new projects, particularly in Latin America and Asia. ley & Co. broke off last month. (Bloomberg, Reuters, AFX)

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munications company, which was once in talks with Deutsche Telekom itself, as well as other competitors, is demanding "more strict reciprocity," ac-cording to FCC officials.

Last year, the FCC approved the German and French tele-a \$4.3 hillion investment by com markets that an alliance British Telecommunications with Sprint would give Deut-PLC in MCI Communications sche Telekom and France Tele-Corp., the second-largest U.S. com in the United States. Gerlong-distance carrier, after Brit-many has already said it might ain agreed to permit the resale throw open its telecommunications market to competition before the 1998 deadline set by the

This time, bowever, AT&T Corp., the higgest U.S. telecom-

AT&T and others would like the same unrestricted access to

European Union, but France has not.

Mr. Hundt said the FCC

### Continued from Page 11 Mr. Hundt said of the BT-MCl ship of U.S. hroadcasters and phone companies. Presenting the hill, he argued that restrictions deny U.S. consumers the decision regarding Sprint, he

benefits of more investments added.

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Some analysts have suggested such disagreements within Republican Party ranks would delay any change in the law until well after the FCC decides on Sprint, hut the reciprocity requirement promoted by Mr. Pressler is politically popular among both parties.

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# OSTS: China Confident .That Trade Pact Will Be Reached

BELIING — As Chinese and American negotiators sat down Wednesday to try tn averi a trade war over U.S. charges that Beijing has done 100 little to protect intellectual property rights, a Chinese official said he was optimistic that agreement

would be reached.
"We hope that through two
rounds of talks we shall reach
agreement," said Zhou Shijian, vice president of China's Inter-national Trade Research Institute. A second round of negotiations is scheduled for the end of the month.

U.S. officials declined to comment, saying only that talks be-gan as scheduled Wednesday at China's Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Cooperation. Talks were to last through Friday but are now expected to continue into Saturday.

The last round of negotiations collapsed in Beijing last sociation.

Several weeks ago. Washington threatened to punish China with stiff tariffs on \$2.2 billion worth of its exports beginning Feb. 4 unless Beijing acted to enforce protection of intellectual property rights.

China then pledged sanctions against U.S. goods if the U.S. tariffs were imposed, targeting U.S. automakers.

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would harm both the United States and China," Mr. Zhou said, adding that investors from Hong Kong, Taiwan, Japan and South Korea who export to the United States from China would not escape the fallout.

Meanwhile, some of America's industrial leaders were heading for Beijing in a rare show of support for Washing-

Ion's China policy.
The business leaders represented the Recording Industry Association, the International Federation of Phonographic Industry, the Motion Picture Export Association of America, the International Intellectual Property Rights Alliance and Business Software Alliance.

"Coming into the critical phase of the negotiations, we wanted to demonstrate that we are fully behind the effort," said Mike Connors, senior vice president of the Motion Picture As-

In previous trade disputes. analysis say, the Chinese gov-ernment bas often sought to pit American business leaders against the U.S. government, or sometimes certain industries against each another.

This time, said Stepbanie Mitcbell, vice president of the software alliance, "They can't divide and conquer. It's not going to work." (Reuters, AP) "If there is a trade war, it ing to work."

# China's B-Share Blues Deng's Health Keeps Foreigners on Edge

SHANGHAI - The apparent failing health of Deng Xiaoping and the Mexican currency crisis are the fatest blows to confidence in China's struggling B-share market. brokers said Wednesday.

The markets are already getting the cold shoulder from foreign fund managers worried about lack of liquidity, poor corporate disclosure, weak companies and rising interest rates, the brokers said. Indeed, over the past four months, the B-share indexes in Shanghai and Shenzhen have slumped by 35 percent.

B shares represent equity in Chinese com-panies that is sold only to foreign investors. Analysis said the few bright spots on the horizon were the slowing of Chinese inflation and the onset of the corporate reporting sea-

"I don't think there will be much improvement in the first half," said Lisa Bao, a Shanghai-based analyst for Crédit Lyonnais Securities (Asia). Until then, other observers said, the health of China's 90-year-old senior leader would be a key factor.

The Shanghai B index slumped last week after Mr. Deng's daughter, Deng Rong, told The New York Times that her father was unable to stand or walk unaided and that his physical condition was deteriorating day by day. Mr. Deng has been a champion of Chi-na's market reforms and its moves to open itself to foreign investors.

"Whenever there is a new rumor surround-ing Deng, the market will be buffeted," said a B-share researcher with a major Shanghai securities house who insisted on anonymity. Jiang Wei, chief B-sbare dealer for Guotai

Securities, added that the collapse of the Mexican currency had "increased the worries of overseas investors in China." Meanwhile, researchers at Jardine Fleming

Securities, the Hong Kong brokerage house. said investors hoping to profit from any changes in stock prices that occur after Mr. Deng's death should be investing now - not after be dies.

"Investors who are negative on the succession should be retreating from the market already," said a report published by Jardine Fleming on Tuesday. "Investors who are positive should be positioning themselves ac-

Analysts say that investors must decide whether the power struggles likely to take place after Mr. Deng dies will lead to a change (Reuters, Bloomberg) in economic policy.

### **Base Metals** Lift Profit At MIM

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches BRISBANE, Australia -MIM Holdings Ltd. said Wednesday that higher metal prices lifted the company back into profit in the six-month period to Dec. 11.

The Australian mining company said net profit was 43.4 million Australian dollars (\$33 million) for the period, revers-ing a loss of 18.5 million dollars a year ago.

The earnings included an ex-

traordinary profit of 19.3 million dollars, partially from the sale of its 24.8 percent stake in the U.S. copper producer, Asarco Inc. Asarco owns 15.5 percent of MIM. MIM said sales rose 11 per-

cent, to 1.11 billion dollars. The improved result was due mainly to higher interna-tional prices for base metals," MlM said.

MlM said the effects of higher base metal prices were partly offset by the stronger Australian dollar, lower coal prices, losses at its Duisburg zinc smelter in Germany and lower production and sales volumes of precious metals and base metals from Mount Isa, in Queensland.

Before tax and extraordinary items, the company posted a profit of 57.2 milbon dollars. MlM made no statement

about a replacement for Norm Fussell, the chief executive wbo resigned unexpectedly two weeks ago. Although Mr. Fussell indi-

Analysts say the freeing of cated his departure was for interest rates will introduce bealth reasons, analysts said his (Reuters, Knight-Ridder)

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India attracted more than 25 billion rupees (\$80 million) in foreign capital investment during the first 11 months of 1994, up from 20 billion rupees for the like period of 1993.

Indonesia has forecast a 3 percent to 4 percent depreciation for the rupiah against the U.S. dollar for its 1995-96 fiscal year, which begins in April, the Bisnis Indonesia newspaper said.

Jardine Matheson Holdings Ltd., the Hong Kong-based trading and investment company, has named Anthony Nightingale as chairman of its regional trading and services arm. Jardine Pacific.

Mah Sing Group Bhd., the Malaysian plastics and property concern, is diversifying its earnings base by moving into scooter and motorcycle assembly with an Italian partner.

• President Enterprises Corp., Taiwan's largest food company, said its pretax profit rose 148 percent in 1994, to 7.05 billion Taiwan dollars (\$268 million).

• Daihatsu Motor Co., the Japanese automaker, forecast domestic vehicle sales of 418,000 in 1995, which would be a nearly 7 percent increase from 1994. Domestic vehicle sales fell 1.5 percent last Knight-Ridder, Bloomberg, Reuters, AFP

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# China Inflation Falls, But Target Is Elusive

BEIJING - The annual inflation rate in China dropped to 25.5 percent in December, down two percentage points from the previous month, the official Xinhua news agency reported Wednesday.

China's inflatioo rate hit a record 27.7 percent in October and fell slightly to 27.5 percent in November. Economists say China's inflationary trend has already reached a turning point, but cautiooed that efforts to bring prices under control should oot be abandoned, the report said.

Western analysts said that China would still find it difficult to meet its target of bringing inflation down to 10 percent this year and economic growth down to 9 percent. Last year, the economy grew an estimated 11.4 percent while consumer prices rose about 24.2 percent.

Rising food prices accounted for more than half of inflation last year, according to the Xinhua report. Food shortages have partly been caused by droughts and flooding that hit certain regions of China last year.

The official Beijing Youth Daily said earlier this week that food ration coupons, which allow low-price grain and meat purchases, were being distributed to residents in areas of and Hubei.

China says it will suspend all reforms to free prices to market levels this year in a bid to ensure that the fall in inflation last month would be a turning point, Xinhua report-

"They are indeed on the right track," said Patricia Lambert, manager of China research at the brokerage W.I. Carr. "The problem is they have to control inflation or it will rebound as it did in the middle of last year."

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# Reforms Push Indian Deposit Rates

BOMBAY - India's commercial banks are waging a small war over interest rates on sbort-term deposits as the country edges closer to full interestrate deregulation as part of its economic reforms.

Bankers said Wednesday the smaller banks had taken the ead, raising rates to as much as 10 percent from 8 percent on deposits of less than six months. Banks began revising interest

BANGALORE, India -

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his trade mission to India this

week had reaped far more busi-

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Over the past four days, Mr. Brown and 25 U.S. business

leaders have clinched \$5.5 bil-

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their own rates on deposits of less than three years. The bank association retained an upper limit of 10 percent.

The State Bank of Travancore, Corporation Bank and the private-sector South Indian Bank are some of the banks offering 10 percent on short-

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# Malaysia's Top Two Banks Raise Rates

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

KUALA LUMPUR - Malaysia's top two banks, Maybank Bhd. and Bank Bumiputra Malaysia Bhd., said Wednesday they would raise base lending rates by 0.1 percentage point in response to rising domestic interest

Maybank said it would raise its base lending rate, the lowest rate a bank gives to most favored customers, to 6.65 percent from 6.55 percent oo Thursday, while Bank Bumiputra

said it would lift its rate to 6.75 percent from 6.65 percent.

The move by the leading banks is expected to increase general lending rates of commercial banks in Malaysia as local interest rates rise in line with global trends, bankers said. Separately, guidelines on trading in derivatives issued by Bank Negara, Malaysia's cen-

tral bank, were welcomed by most money market dealers and bankers, but some warned that it may bold back growth of Malaysia's financial industry.

### **Auto Talks to Resume**

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WASHINGTON - The United States and Japan have agreed to resume discussions on reducing Japan's trade surplus in the automobile sector, U.S. officials said.
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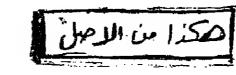
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# Desperate Big League Clubs Working the Retread Market

By Murray Chass

NEW YORK - On the one liand, the fellow showed ingenuity; on the other, he showed how desperate the major league clubs are to find replacement players for their replacement season.

The fellow was the Philadelphia Phillies' employee that Andy McGaffigan had called to invite to play in his golf tournament in Lakeland, Florida, u tournament that would benefit the baseball team at his alma mater, Florida Southern College.

"He said, 'Can you throw?' I said, 'Yeah. I can throw,' " McGaffigan said, recounting the telephone conversation. "I didn't know what he means as first. He said again, 'Can you throw?' Then I understood. I said, 'Yes, but I'm not going to.' He said, We're looking for guys, guys who have had time in the big leagues, guys on the bubble the last few years. We're looking to

'I said I just couldn't do it," he related. "I said my coming in as a player would only prolong the process, hurt the Players Association and in the long run hurt my reputation among my peers. Any short-term gain I would receive monetanly, I'd have a tough time looking my teammates and opponents in the eye. I'm just not that kind of guy."

Dan Gladden and Von Hayes have told clubs they aren't that kind of guy either. The two outfielders and McGaffigan are typical of the players that clubs are seeking in their determination to show striking players they can do without them and make the strikers nervous enough to be lured back to work, at least when the

season starts or shortly thereafter. Gladden, Hayes and McGaffigan all rejected the propositions. Others have, too. Some probably have accepted or will accept, but they most likely will remain quiet about their plans. Gladden, Hayes and

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McGaffigan didn't exactly advertise their experiences, but word spread.

McGaffigan, 38, last pitched in 1991, in four games for the Kansas City Royals.

Hayes, 36, last played in 1992, his career effectively ending when the California Angels released him. He was in the Milwaukee Brewers' minor league training camp last spring but went home voluntarily.

Gladden, 37, has not retired. He played in Japan last year after two seasons in

But with a need for 32 players for each of 28 clubs, a total of 8%, clubs are scouring the lists of retired and released players and six-year minor league free agents,

[The Toronto Blue Jays, who are holding a tryout camp for potential replacements Saturday at their spring training home in Dunedin, Florida, have been advertising for players. The Associated Press reported. "Could you make it in the Major Leagues?" ask the ads in several Southern

Bud Selig, the acting commissioner, has said the clubs "are committed to playing the 1995 season and will do so with the

best players willing to play."
That's not exactly the way George Stein-hrenner did it in the 1970s and early 1980s when he put together "the best team mon-cy can buy." Instead of having Steinbren-ner woo Reggie Jackson with dinner at "21." The owners are sending their general managers after players they think can be

hought with a cup of coffee at a diner. McGaffigan took his story to the players' meeting the union held last week in Tampa, Florida, one of a series of such

"All the striking players know they're not striking for themselves," he said. They're striking for everyone who played this game and will play it. I shared exactly that thought at the meeting. I said I have to let you know that if I were to

newspapers this week, Previous ads were take that \$115,000; that would fit real run in California.] nicely into my budget, but it's not worth it to me. I know what happened in 1976, '72, '81. Guys went to the mat for me so I could carn what I carned. Maybe this is my turn."

> Still, the replacement-player idea is perfect for the Chleago White Sox. Under two different commissioners. Fay Vincent and Bud Selig, the White Son failed to gain permission for Minnie Minoso to play a game in the 1990s so he could extend his streak to having played in the major leagues in aix successive

> He began his career with nine games 1949, and after he retired in 1964 the White Sox brought him back for three games in 1976 and two in 1980. Considering some of the other players that clubs have puraued, Selig couldn't very well object to the use of the 72-year-old

# Boyd Calls It His 'Chance'

NEW YORK -Oil Can Boyd, who last pitched in the majors in 1991 and in the interim, by his own description, "pitched against anybody, women, on dirt roads in Mexico, robe buses for 23 straight hours," says he has agreed to a contract with the Chicago White Say Chicago White Sox.

"I've been through a couple of strikes and I know what those are about," the 35year-old right-hander said late Tuesday.
"But I wanted another chance to play ball, and if this is what it takes, then I'm going

"I have a family to take care of," he added. "Nobody will dictate how I take care of my family. The last thing I care about is what other people think."

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George Kalafatis, who had represented Boyd, said he was resigning as his agent.

"I'm preparing a letter notifying him of the fact that I can no longer represent his interests pursuant the rules adopted by the players' association." Kalafatis said.

Eugene Orza, the union's lawyer, said of Boyd's decision, "Given my relationship with him, I'm saddened by it. I haven't had a chance to talk with him yet. But then

again, he hasn't played since 1991."

Meanwhile, Donald Fehr, the head of the union, accused the acting commissioner, Bud Selig, of lying to Congress.

"I have been advised that in your lobbying efforts on and off of Capitol Hill, you and other owners have been telling people, particularly members of Congress, that the players' association is refusing to return to the bargaining table in an attempt to negotiate a resolution of our dispute," Fehr wrote Selig in a two-page letter that was made public.

"As you well know, that is false. The

owners walked out, not the players." There hasn't been a bargaining session 9 since Dec. 22, when the owners rejected a taxation proposal by the players, declared an impasse in negotiations and unilaterally imposed a salary cap system the following day. The owners' 12-member negotiating team is scheduled to meet Thursday with the special mediator, William J. Usery, in (AP, NYT, WP)

# Syracuse Wins 13th, Again Barely

The Associated Press Syracuse has now won 13 consecutive games, in the Connecticut for the longest current U.S. college bas-

ketball winning streak. The last three, however, have been close. "Mentally, we just have to come prepared." Lawrence Moten said after scoring 21 points as No. 6 Syracuse held off St. John's, 91-87, Tuesday night, "We got lackadaisical in the second half. In order for us to be a good team, we have to play for 40 minutes. We haven't been doing that lately. The only successful thing is that we've been getting the vic-

tories. The Orangemen (13-1, 6-0 Big East) have won their last three games by a combined seven points. but are tied with No. 2 Connecticut atop the conference standings. The two play Monday night in Storrs.

opener by 111-104 in overtime to George Washington, was almost up-staged at home by St. John's freshman Felipe Lopez, who matched the Carrier Dome record for points by an opponent with 35.

He got 29 in the second half as St. John's (8-5, 2-4), which lost its

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fourth in a row, nearly erased a 19point second-half deficit. "I was playing with a lot of confidence, I was saying 'I'll take the shot if I've got it,' said Lopez, who matched the record set by Navy's David Robinson in the opening round of the 1986 NCAA tourna-

St. John's closed to 85-82 with 32 seconds to play on a three-point play by Charles Minlend, but Syracuse vo play Monday night in Storrs, was perfect on eight free throws in Syracuse, which lost its season the last 39 seconds.

John Wallace scored 24 points for Syracuse.

No. 22 Georgia Tech 67, No. 15 Wake Forest 65: Drew Barry had 18 points and Travis Best 16, three on free throws in the final 20 seconds, as the Yellow Jackets (10-5, 2-2 Atlantie Coast Conference) won despite blowing an 8-point lead with 3:45 to play.

The visiting Demon Deacons (9-3, 2-2) had two chances after Best made it 67-65 by making one of two free throws with 10 seconds to play. Randolph Childress, who finished with 22 points, missed a 3-pointer and Travis Banks's tip-in at the buzzer failed.

Michigan 69, No. 20 Itimols 59: The Wolverines (10-6, 4-1 Big Ten) won consecutive road games for the first time this season and tied the Illini (13-4, 4-1) for first place in the conference.



Shaquille O'Neal, engaged in a tête-à-tête with Alonzo Mourning, got 35 points and 15 rebounds as the NBA Magic won, 109-98. Mourning led the Hornets with 33 points and 12 rebounds.

## Rams Strike Gold in St. Louis

ST. LOUIS - It's official; The Los Angeles Rams have taken the money and run.
In a frenzy of self-congratulation, the Rams were signed, sealed and all but delivered to foothall-starved St. Louis. The city by the Mississippi put a virtual pot of gold at the end of its famed arch and lured away what was once one of the National Football League's most distinguished franchises.

Signing a blown-up version of a relocation agreement, eity and county officials Tuesday turned the anti-climaetic announcement of the move into a giddy celebration complete with indoor fireworks and streamers.

"I'm overwhelmed," joked the team's owner, Georgia Frontiere, 67, who stands to make more than \$20 million annually as part of the deal. "I don't think I've been this happy since the last game we won."

Frontiere, who has been shopping cities for more than a year, also introduced ber new partner, Stan Kroenke. The Missouri businessman will pay \$60 million for a 30 percent share of the team and the title of Rams' vice chairman of the board.

Pending league approval, the move will end the Rams' 49-year relationship with Southern California, where the team made 14 playoff

oppearances from 1973-89 and reached the 1980 Super Bowl.

It also ends a seven-year NFL drought for St. Louis, which lost the Cardinals to Phoenix

Some were wondering if the city had paid too much for the team. The package: A new, 70,000-seat domed stadium financed by taxpayers. A guarantee that 85 percent of the luxury boxes and club seats will be sold for the next 15 years, with all bome-team proceeds going to the Rams. A \$30 million payoff to the city of Anaheim. A new practice facility at a cost of \$12 million to \$15 million. An estimated \$6 million to cover losses the Rams incurred in 1994. All moving costs and any legal expenses related to the move paid for.

Some people are especially perturbed that fans will be forced to pick up \$67 million of the relocation tab through a personal seat licensing program, in which they will have to pay a one-time fee of \$250 to \$4,500 for the right to purchase season tickets.

About 46,000 licenses will go on sale; what's more, if 40,000 seat licenses aren't sold by mid-March, when the NFL probably will vote on the Rams' proposal to move, the team will have the option to void the deal.

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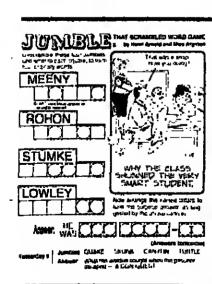
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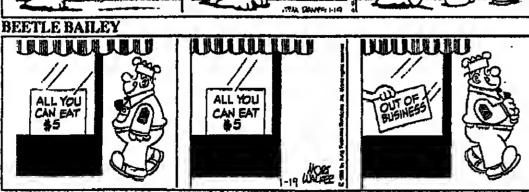
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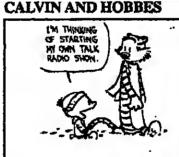












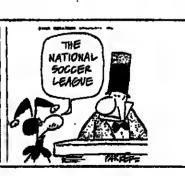




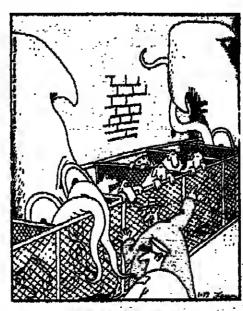
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# BRIEF SPORTS

# • Disaster Shakes Japanese Players in Open

MELBOURNE - Naoko Sawamatsu was in tears because of reports that her best friend was believed to be dead. Kimiko Date was visibly worn and shaken.

The tragedy of the earthquake that has killed more than 3,000 people in Kohe and Osaka in western Japan hit home forcibly at the Australian Open.

Sawamatsu won her first-round match Wednesday and then wept. She had been told before her 6-3, 6-3 victory over countrywoman Ai Sugi-yama that her friend was believed to have been one of the victims.

Sawamatsu's family's home in a suburh of Kobe was destroyed, but family members were safe, she said. She said she had coesidered pullbeen persuaded to continue by an volved were touched mity of the trugedy. aunt living in Tokyo.

"My family home has been destroyed, that is also my home," Sawamatsu said. "My grandparents, parents and my brother live in that house."

Date, 24, who triumphed by 6-2, 6-2 over Elena Likhovtseva of Kazakhstan, also spent much of Tuesday trying to call home. I have friends in Kobe and was

trying all the time to contact them," said Date, who lived in the port city from age 16 to 20. "I was very worried. My family lives in Kyoto so their house was O.K., but last night I had trouble

Even players not directly in-

This is not my little soap hox for politics, who cares what I say, but it's obviously a bad tragedy." said Jim Courier, "It's awful watch-

Sawamatsu said she had made about 30 unsuccessful telephone calls after her coach told her about the earthquake at mid-morning

"When I got through there was no answer and I thought maybe this is something serious," said Sawa-matsu, who took time to compose herself before meeting the media. "I contacted my aunt in Tokyo and she said when the earthquake occurred my younger brother had

taken the mobile phone with him

O.K.," she said.

She had yet to speak to her family and did not know if they had been in the house at the time of earthquake, but had contacted oth-

"I was informed there has been unconfirmed information that my friend might have been killed in the carthquake," she said. "And, of course, there are others I know of who might have been killed." Despite her aunt's urgings,

doing the right thing by continuing "I don't know how I will feel

Sawamatsu wondered if she was



tomorrow," she said. (AP, AFP) Naoko Sawamatsu: Friends may be dead.

# Nippon Triumphs, Australian Injured

SAN DIEGO, California -With their thoughts on the earthquake victims back home, the crew of the yacht Nippoe still managed to pull out a victory in the America's Cup challenger trials.

The Japanese boat waged a tough battle against France 2 and its skipper, Marc Pajot, with tacks every 30 seconds on the second beat, before gaining the advantage and sailing to victory by 1 minute, 49 seconds

During the post-race news conference the team had a moment of silence for the thousands of victims of Monday's devastating earthquake near

"We were worried and up-set," said the Nippon's visibly distraught skipper, Makoto Namba, He and another crewman, Jinju Izuka, live in Kobe hut had learned before the race that their families were safe.

"We are very worried," Namha said, "I have many friends in the area hit by the earthquake,"

In other challenger races. Team Team New Zealand and its skipper, Peter Blake, remained unbeaten after three races and the former Cup-winning skipper, John Bertrand, won aboard one Australia.

On the defenders' course. Young America, skippered by Kevin Mahaney beat the Amer-S CTEW by 3:32.

Team New Zealand, steered by Russell Coutts, beat fellow New Zealander Chris Dickson, sailing the Tag Heuer Challenge's unnamed boat, hy a convincing 4:42 in a race marred by an accident aboard the losing

A crewman, Steve Cotton, lost the index and middle fingers of his left hand at the first knuckles when his hand was caught in the turning block of the spinnaker sheet during a gibe on the run to the finish line in a race all but lost. He was taken off the yacht by speedboat, transferred to an ambulance on shore and then taken to the University of California, San Diego, Medical Center.

Cotton, 27, who is from Toowoomba, Australia, underwent surgery Tuesday night but the fingertips will not he reattached, said a spokesman for the medical center said.

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through my mind was to get him off the boat," said Dickson. "He was off in one minute and in hospital within 30 minutes." Bertrand beat the Sydney 95 entry by 3:42 for his first victory of the first round of the

The shifty, light conditions took its toll on the crews, benefitting any boat which hap-pened to be in the right place at the right time.

Young America's 3:32 mar-gin of victory was little indica-tion of its dominance of the race. At one point, it held a lead of almost 13 minutes before the patchy conditions allowed America3 to close the gap over the final stages.

The women made a change at the helm, from Leslie Egnot to Dawn Riley, the Whithread 'Round-the-World Race veteran, but suffered their third consecutive loss after an opening victory over Dennis Conner.

"We were using all our stopid chips," said Riley.



(Reulers, AFP, AP) Mary Pierce had a laugh beating South African Elna Reinach, 6-1, 6-2, then lauded her father for pushing "me really hard."

# In England, the Long Arm of the Law Is All Muscle

actor now —usually the good guy run-ning down the bad guys — and Peter too crowded." Reid admits to loving the Schwarzeneg-ger action movies. They are an inspira-

But I have to be level-headed when said, I'm on the job," Reid said the other day in the police station of this town near Oxford. "I must keep my feet on the ground at all times, be in control. The truth is, I don't know my own

Reid is a police constable, a motorway patrolman. The neck of his tailored uniform shirt measures 181/2 inches, and it drapes his 57-inch chest and his 32inch waist much as a light-hlue veil covers a statue. At one time in Schwarzenegger's career they probably had more in common, for Reid, too, has won the Mr. Universe and Mr. World bodybuilding championships that Schwarzenegger won. Then Arnold went off to Hollywood while Peter, now 32, joined the Thames Valley Police in 1985.

In the early days, walking the heat in Oxford, he caused a sensation. Photographs of him posing in competition reveal that the domes of his flexed shoulders and biceps are almost as

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Too much action? 'If there are a lot of people around I feel that they are invading my space," he

Born in Jamaica, Reid rejoined his was a rugby player until he hlacked out during a match and "decided then that was not a sport I wanted to play. But I had been weight-training for rugby and

l enjoyed it. I didn't want to give it up." He took up bodyhuilding for nine years before entering his first amateur competition, which he won in 1984, becoming Mr. England. In those days Mr. Reid was a caterer, the largest, strongest caterer anyone had ever seen. He was in charge of meats.

"It annoyed me," he said, "I would take great pride in preparing the meats, in setting it all out properly, making certain that the display was absolutely hrilliant. My staff would spend hours on that. But the people would not come to eat. They devoured it. They would just hack through it."

Growing up in Jamaica, he had always been stuck on the colorful police The first thing which went large as his shaven, gleaming head. In uniforms — the red seam running the aline and wanting to get your prey, so to

idea that he would do something mar-

On the day he made his first arrest, his mother in England when he was 14. He squad had been briefed about a suspect wanted for "ABH" - actual bodily harm - with the warning that he liked to brawl with policemen. Later that day, Reid was driving through Oxford when he saw the suspect sitting with friends in

a parked car.
"My training partner got out of our car and went to talk to him," Reid said.
"He was waving his hand; I could tell things were going wrong, I was nervous hut I said, 'I'm a police officer. I can't just sit here.' I got out of the car and that guy, I had him eating out of my hands the moment he saw me."

There are parts of every Schwarzenegger movie when the star lets loose, breaking a bone with a mere shifting of his hands. Constable Reid worries about these things all the time. One Friday night, chasing a drunk, he grabbed the man in a headlock and felt him go limp. "It was the combination of the adren-

By Ian Thomsen

International Heridal Tribune

BICESTER, England — Arnold

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Birchard Schwarzenegger used to be a body-huilder, Peter Reid is. Arnold is an actor now —usually the good guy run-"I don't like Oxford," he said, "It's applied for the police he already had no, please.' I released it and he fell to the the heroic muscles. The moment he was ground and came around, but in that horn, his mother had told him, an one instant I could have killed the guy. It earthquake had struck. Implied was the really is true that I don't know my own strength.'

The other truth is that the strongest people have the least need for violence. Reid has never had to fight since joining the police 10 years ago.

He transferred out of Oxford four years ago to join the traffic division. He spends most of each day in a patrol car, friving up and down a 40-mile stretch of the M40 motorway serving Oxford. He wakes up at 5:30 each morning to prepare his special meals, the kind of food that would go untouched in a public buffet line, up to six meals per day. After work it's two hours in the gym, and he's in bed by 10 at the latest.

He believes the discipline of his sport complements the police work. If he has to, he will lift a car out of traffic - he can do that - but mostly he says he is seeking calm.

Can he be respectable and professional in spite of whatever first impressions you might hold? For the main duty of Mr. Universe, the real-life Arnold, is to write you a ticket for speeding.

drought-stricken province of Granada were being answered.

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had fallen hy late afternoon at 2,500 meters (8,200 feet). The

room and lounge. Prayers Answered in Spain: Snow Falls

ment directors and what not SIERRA NEVADA, Spain - Organizers of the World Alpine who are making deals, particularly in New York. As well, Ski Championships may have smirked at the idea of beseeching St. Anthony for snow. But, Wednesday, the prayers of villagers in the there's much less family here for the other players. So for us around the restaurant and

place the shark tank. For every

# Warned, Sampras **And Courier Play Like Champions**

MELBOURNE - Pete Sampras and Jim Courier, who have owned the Australian Open for the past three years, played Wednesday as if they had got-ten the message.

Sampras, the defending champion and top seed, and Courier, who won the Grand a studio and played some drums with a few of the fellows Slam touroament in 1992 and 1993, steamrolled their opponents as they moved into the third round.

Boris Becker's loss to Patrick McEnroe in his first-round match the night before sent a warning to the other top seeds: Don't relax.

Sampras beat Slovakiae qualifier Jan Kroslak, 6-2, 6-0, 6-1, in 76 minutes, and Courier taking just four minutes longer to beat Italy's Cristiano Caratti,

No. 5 Michael Chang and No. 7 Michael Stich also ad-Kimiko Date.

Fourth-seeded Mary Pierce beat South African Elna Reinach, 6-1, 6-2, and Chang beat Morocco's Karim Alami, 6-3, 6-4, 6-1, in night matches.

Earlier, Martina Hingis, the 14-year-old from Switzerland playing her first Grand Slam tournament, lost in the second round to Kyoko Nagatsuka of

'It was as much tiredness as anything else," the Czech-born Hingis said in attempting to explain her loss to an opponent the computer ranks below her.

"I have been away for so long, it has been tennis and tennis. Yesterday 1 just watched other matches; perhaps 1 should have done something

Pierce said she was playing with renewed confidence. "I think a lot has changed, and last year was a great year for me. I won a lot of things in my tennis and off the court, and

I think as a person and as a tennis player I'm more confident with myself."

There has been much said about Pierce's relationship with her father and one-time coach, Jim, who was hanned from the women's circuit for disrupting matches. But she credited him with giving her a good start in her career and said she phones him often.

"He pushed me really hard, which I don't regret," Pierce said. "I think it's something very good actually, because I think he gave me the hard work Sampras and Courier said the

relaxed atmosphere and friendly crowds in Melbourne had alped them play better.

"It's always nice to bave that support when you are playing," Sampras said of the warm reception he's accorded at the National Tennis Center. His parents are Greek-American, and no city outside Greece has more Greeks than Melbourne's half-million.

Courier, meanwhile, said he liked the quietness in the locker

There's a lot less business going on," he said. "There's a lot fewer agents and tournalounge, it's a lot more relaxed.
"The U.S. Open, I call that

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# one player there's three other people in there, so it's tough."

Courier has been so relaxed

"On Monday night, I went to

and that was a blast," Courier

said. "I'm a professional tennis player and probably a B club

And, he said, he and Andre

We both started at opposite ends of the spectrum and we're probably each coming more

Agassi are hecoming more

into the middle," Courier said,

hringing his index fingers to-

harder, I'm taking a little more

free time. I think we're both

trying to come to a middle

The ninth-seeded Courier.

who is in Sampras' half of the

draw, could meet Agassi in the

final. In the meannine, he's

happy to have a lot of attention

directed at Sampras and Agassi.

or not, I tend to go about my

husiness," Courier said. "1

think that the focus is deserved-

ly on those two guys. They had

great seasons last year and it is

an exciting, hopefully a hud-

ding, new rivalry for the game

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(15), Sweden, def, Nicolas Pereira, Venezu 7-6 (7-4), 6-4, 6-3.

berg, Australia, 7-5, 7-6 (7-4), 3-6, 6-2; David Wheaton, U.S., del, Jan Siemerink, Nether

that we desperately need."

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"Whether the focus is on me

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gether to make his point.

ground

that he's appeared with several other players, among them Carlos Kirmayr and Ronald Ageeor, in a pickup band that features reggae and classic rock

"Everyone can lose to any-

body if the other guy is playing really well," said Courier, who watched the Becker-McEnroe match. "Patrick just played a great match, so that was a tough draw for the first round."

vanced Wednesday, as did the women's No. 2, Conchita Martinez, No. 3 Jana Novotna, No. 6 Lindsay Davenport and No. 7

Japan, 6-3, 6-4.

Wheoton, U.S., def. Jon Siemerink, Netherlands, 62, 6-2, 6-2; Jim Courier (9), U.S., def. Cristiano Caruth, Italy, 6-2, 6-2, 6-1; Mariin Damen, Czech Republic def. Tommy Ho, U.S., 3-6, 3-6, 7-6 (8-6), 6-3, 6-3, Thomos Endvist, Swedon, def. Donlei Nester, Cenado, 6-4, 6-4, 7-5; Andrei Othovskiy, Russia, def. Andrea Goudenzi, Italy, 6-2, 6-3, 6-3; Andrei Medveder (13), Ukroine, def. Lors Rehmenn, Gennony, 7-5, 6-4, 6-1; Olivier Delate. Express (4-1), 6-1

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44. 6-2, 6-4; Audra Keller, U.S., def. Sabine Mack (13), Germany, 7-5. 1-4. 6-0; Park Suns-hee, South Korea, def. Letta Meskhi, Georgia,

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port (4), U.S., del. Willrud Probst, Germany. 4-2, 6-2; Kyoko Nagatsuka, Japan, del. Martino Hingis, Switzerland, 4-3, 4-4; Natusha Zverev (8), Belorus, del. Sitvia Forina, Italy, 4-4-4-2. Judith Wiesner, Austria, del. Shaun Staf-tord, U.S., 6-4, 6-8; Yone Kemia, Japan, Bel-Beate Reinstadler, Austria, 4-6, 6-4, 6-3; Mary

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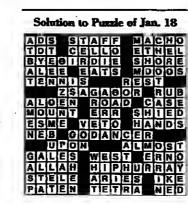
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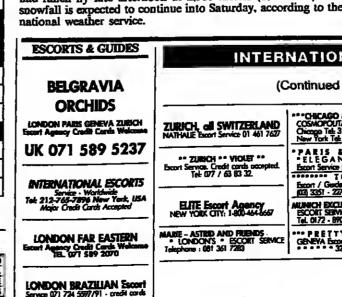
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### ART BUCHWALD

# Victims of Reform

WASHINGTON — Chopping off a government program can be one of the cru-

elest cuts of all. There isn't one conservative I know in Washington who doesn't want the government to get off people's hacks. The

word is, "We have to stop spending on wasteful welfare programs, and underwriting socialist experiments and public television, and give the money back to the American taxpayer - where

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it belongs. I was willing to huy the whole "Contract With America" when I saw one of Newt Gingrich's most ardent supporters dozing on the sidewalk in front of my building surrounded by his furniture and file cabinets.

"What's up?" "I lost all my consulting contracts with the government, and so they threw me out in the

street. That's terrible," I said. "You were one of the people wbo started the revolution when you promised to streamline government and cut it down to where it was under

Millard Fillmore. "Of course, I was, but when I called for government reform 1 didn't know they were going to throw out the consultants with the hathwater.

I tried to think of something reassuring to say, "You can't make an omelet

without breaking eggs," was all I could come up with.

This didn't seem to help, "If I knew then what I know now, I would have campaigned for bigger government, pork hudgets and a deficit larger than the

"When you start reforming government too many people are kicked out of work. I had a staff of 20 - people who came out of the government sector -doing mammoth studies in five colors on the government's predictions for water sports for the year 2000, as well as one on how to raise foster children in Trappist monasteries by making the states pay for it. All these stud-

ies are now in the shredders." While we were talking, feder-al marshals were carrying lawyers out of the huilding on stretchers and dumping them

on the curb. One of the senior partners said to me, "We lost the CtA sexual barassment account. The agency has orders from the hudget department to settle out of court. And if that isn't bad enough, Justice is closing down its antitrust division. We don't even have enough funds to provide lunch for our paralegals. The Contract With America is ignoring how much tax money lawyers can save the govern-

By this time the sidewalk was crowded with bankrupt people who once served in key posi-

tions advising the government.
One pathetic case was a lobbyist in a scuffed Brioni suit holding a paper cup. In past administrations he managed to squeeze a balf-billion dollars out of the Agriculture, Defense and Housing departments for clients back home. Now he was on the street hoping to collect enough money to huy a dry martini at the Capitol Hill

Obviously if Congress keeps cutting back like this, Washington will become a ghost town. There's already talk that the empty offices in my huilding are going to he turned into sweatshops for senior citizens who will be required to pay their share of Medicare.

# In Berlin, a New Wave of Russian Artists

By Stephen Kinzer

BERLIN — For the second time this century, Russian artists are descending on Berlin.

In the years after the 1917 revolution, 50,000 Russians came here, establishing Russian newspapers. galleries, cafes and theater companies. Among them were creative artists ranging from Vladimir Horowitz to Wassily Kandinsky to Vladimir Nabokov.

A smaller version of that scene is now flowering

here. Many Russian artists are using Berlin as a base from which to seek an international audience. At a spacious loft in eastern Berlin one evening last month. ballet dancers entertained guests at the opening of a new complex called Russian Field, which is dedicated

to promoting art from St. Petersburg.

The first exhibition was of large-format works. and it was organized by Yevgeni Kozlov, a leading figure in the St. Petershurg art underground in the 1980s. The pieces ranged from photo collages to bright semi-abstract paintings by Kozlov himself. "Before the revolution, there was a great wave of art coming from Russia," Kozlov said at the opening. "For 70 years, this art was either not created or not shown. New Russia is part of the world again, and there is a great surge of artistic energy. Berlin seems to be the center of interest in what we're doing."

About 15,000 Russians live legally in Berlin and

perhaps nearly that many more are undocumented. Among them are scores of artists, enough to have huilt a community here. They have their own hang-outs, like the Pasternak Cafe in the funky eastern neighborhood of Prenzlauer Berg, where they sip Russian tea brewed in samovars or dine on borscht and hlinis. Many turn out for special events, like the Russian breakfasts and Russian fairy tale evenings that were mounted to complement a show in December by German and Russian artists in the Hackeschen Hôfe, a cultural center near Prenzlauer Berg.

"I don't think you can compare the current moment to the '20s, which was the last time a large number of Russian artists came to Berlin," said Jule Reuter, a German art historian who bas written extensively about Russian art. "But in one sense it is richer, because there is so much more variety to what is being produced. This is art that deserves a market. It has as good a chance of finding a market in Berlin

as anywhere in the world."

Specialists in contemporary Russian art say the artistic traditions that have developed in Moscow are markedly different from those of St. Petersburg.

"Moscow art is more conscious of trends, more clearly tied to developments in the West," said Hannelore Fobo, director of the group that is backing Russian Field. "In Moscow you see more Installation Art, visual art and Conceptual Art. Some art produced in Moscow has a stronger Asian feel, as opposed to a Slavic feel, St. Petersburg is more European, but at the same time more provincial. Painting still plays a hig role in the art scene there."



Yevgeni Kozlov, from St. Petersburg, with one of his works at a Berlin show.

A rich exhibition in Kiel entitled "Positions in St. Petersburg Art From 1970 Until Today" will open at the Haus am Waldsee in Berlin on Feb. 3. It will then go to Norway and Poland before being mounted in St. Petersburg at the end of 1995. "Our contemporary art is contemplative and meditative by nature," wrote Viktor Krivulin, an artist from St. Petershurg, in the exhibition catalogue. "It developed special ways of enabling people to persistently ignore the total politicization of everyday existence that was forced on Russian artists since the first days of Bolshevik rule." Perhaps the clearest sign that the Berlin art estab-

lishment has rediscovered its fascination with things Russian was the announcement that the Berliner Festspiele would be based on the theme "Berlin-Moscow" this year. Leading Russian and German writers, painters, sculptors, dancers and filmmakers. as well as orchestras, opera companies and theater troupes, are to participate in the festival, which opens

in late summer and continues until November.
A grand-scale exhibition featuring Russian art, photography, film and design will open at the Martin Gropius Bau in September and run for five months before traveling to the Pushkin Museum in Moscow.

### PEOPLE

Jimmy Carter, Poet And Champion Signer

With the economy of a timestudy man, former President Jimmy Carter kept signing his new book of poems for custom. ers lining up at Rizzoli's book-store in the World Financial Center in New York. "ICarter," he wrote with a felt-tip pen, paring off the first name so as to squeeze in more signatures in the allotted two hours. He maintained a steady pace of about 20 books a minute. Carter said he found poetry to be a "more deeply self-revelatory experience" than other writing. A sample, from "Hollow Eyes, Bellies, Hearts," written in the White House, which asks sardonically: Why think of slaves, nameless deaths?

Best be still, as in other days. Response was bland to Hitler's Should we condemn our fathers' wavs?

Robert Redford and executives of Showtime Networks Inc. announced that they were forming a new cable channel for independent films, including movies distributed by Hollywood studios as well as some foreign films. The new channelcalled the Sundance Film. Channel, will begin operations in the fall.

The country music legend Chet Atkins has gotten hip to jazz. You've got to face the fact that country jocks don't play my records anymore, he said in CountryBeat magazine "So I have to make my records for other stations that will play them, such as jazz and so on?

Paul Muldoon, a Northen Irish poet who teaches as Princeton University, has been awarded the T. S. Eliot Prize for poetry, for his collection. The Annals of Chile. Valerie Elia, the widow of T.S. Eliot, presented the \$8.000 award.

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